

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CRM-M No. 2451 of 2021
Date of decision :11.10.2021**

Ratanjot Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 146 dated 18.05.2020 registered under Section 21 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case rather the alleged recovery effected from the petitioner is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. The petitioner has been in custody since 18.05.2020 along with her minor child who was born on January 2020.

Per contra, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel states that as per the reply by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Sultanpur Lodhi, Kapurthala, the petitioner is involved in seven other cases out of which six are under NDPS Act. Challan in the present case has already been presented.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 18.05.2020 along with

her minor child. The prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

Recovery effected from the petitioner is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. Further, keeping in view the prevailing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, the trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

11.10.2021

Rajeev (rvs)

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No