

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-5693-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 16.08.2021

AABAD ALI SAYAD

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.25 dated 20.03.2019, under Section 21 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the it is alleged that recovery of 500 grams of heroin was effected from the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for about 2 ½ years and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, the trial has come to a standstill.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Nachhatar Singh, contends that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 2 years, 4 months and 22 days.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and 4 months, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to

take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

16.08.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No