

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-9373-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 12.03.2021

SUKHBIR SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, 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.246 dated 30.11.2020, under Sections 18 (b) of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Bhogpur, District Jalandhar Rural, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that recovery of non-commercial quantity of opium was allegedly effected from a vehicle in which the petitioner was travelling. The petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents and he is in custody for over 3 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Premjit Singh, contends that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when recovery is of non-commercial quantity of opium, he does not have any criminal antecedents, he is in custody for over 3 months, 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

12.03.2021

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