

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-10967-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 07.12.2021

VIKRAM

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr Gaurav Grover, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.393 dated 22.10.2020, under Section 20 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was travelling in the passenger seat of the car while recovery of 50 kg 'ganja' was alleged to be effected from the back seat of the car. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is in custody for over 1 year and 1 month since his arrest on 22.10.2020.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 1 year, 1 month and 13 days. She also contends that 2 out of 22 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 1 month, 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

07.12.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No