

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

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CRM-M-8992-2020

Date of decision : 22.02.2021.

Karamjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.155 dated 01.10.2018 under Section 15 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Bhogpur, district Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that poppy husk with a total weight of 105 kgs. was recovered from the petitioner and co-accused Dalbir Singh. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 04 months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. Co-accused Dalbir Singh has been granted bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-30753-2019, on 20.12.2019.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate in Court through e-mail, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 04 months and 17 days as on 21.02.2021. He, upon instructions from ASI Inderjeet Singh, states that 01 out of 12 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over two years and four months, co-accused has been granted bail, 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

February 22, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No