

**In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh**

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**CRM-M-24742-2021 (O & M)**

**Date of Decision: July 08, 2021**

**SATPAL ALIAS SATTU ALIAS  
SATNAM SINGH**

**....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**....RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr.Ashok Giri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)**

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.32 dated 22.02.2018, under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that 60 bags of poppy husk each containing 20 kgs were allegedly recovered from the truck. Two co-accused were arrested at the spot and it is alleged that the petitioner had run away. He, however, contends that it would not be possible for the petitioner to have run away in the presence of several police officials. The petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 10 months. He further contends that co-accused namely Manjit Singh alias Manjiti and Balwinder Singh alias Maana have been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court on 12.10.2020 and 06.11.2020 in CRM-M-28964-2020 and CRM-M-34630-2020.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Lakhbir Singh states that 09 out of 24 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He further contends that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 10 months and 27 days. He also contends that the petitioner is also involved in other cases.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 10 months, co-accused have been granted bail, 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 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**

**July 08, 2021**  
**A.Kaundal**

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