

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-25117-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 08.07.2021

AMANDEEP SHARMA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Simranjeet Singh Sarwara, 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.155 dated 19.11.2019, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Shambhu, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of 960 tablets of Lomotil (Diphenoxylate), 25 injections of Buprenorphine (2 ml each) and 8 Avil tablets were allegedly recovered from a bag which apparently had fallen from the scooter in which the petitioner and the co-accused were travelling. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 7 months. He is not involved in any other case. The co-accused Suraj Bhan has been granted bail by this Court in CRM-M-9451 of 2020 on 25.02.2021.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Nahar Singh, contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 7 months, he is not involved in any other case, 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

08.07.2021

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