

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM-M No. 26650 of 2021

Date of Decision: 20.7.2021

Karamjit Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. D.N.Ganeriwala, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 208 dated 29.4.2021 under Sections 22/29 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

Custody certificate by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda has been filed through e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.

The brief facts of the present case are that from a Swift Dzire car bearing No. PB-13-BC-6509, 13990 intoxicant tablets were recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been involved in the present case on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Happy Singh.; that so far as the other two cases are concerned, the petitioner stands acquitted in those cases; that

co-accused Mamta and Dhanno have been granted interim bail vide orders

dated 08.6.2021 and 15.6.2021, respectively, passed by the Co-ordinate Benches of this Court and the petitioner has been in custody for the last 02 months and 15 days.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application and submits that the recovered contraband falls under the commercial quantity and the matter is still under investigation.

As per the custody certificate, the petitioner has been in custody for the last 02 months and 15 days. Co-accused Mamta and Dhanno have already been granted interim bail. The trial will take time to conclude because of Covid-19 pandemic. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

July 20, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No