

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-29377-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: |August 02, 2021

SATWINDER KUMAR @ JINDER

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Ajay Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.188 dated 07.09.2017, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that 200 grams of intoxicating powder containing Alprazolam is alleged to have been recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over 03 years and 03 months since his arrest on 21.04.2018. The petitioner is the sole bread-winner of his family which comprises 02 minor daughters and his wife. He further contends that due to Covid-19 pandemic, the trial has come to stand still.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from Sub Inspector Lakhwinder Singh states that the petitioner is involved in several other cases. He further states that all the prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 03 years and 03 months, 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

|August 02, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No