

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-29714-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 09.08.2021

AMREEK SINGH @ DEEPA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Manuj Nagrath, 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.86 dated 08.06.2019, under Sections 15, 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Dhanaula, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner was standing besides the car from where 500 kg poppy husk was allegedly recovered. The petitioner is in custody for over 2 years since his arrest on 08.06.2019. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. The co-accused Gurjant Singh @ Jantu has been granted regular bail in CRM-M-28317-2020 on 13.07.2021 (Annexure P-3).

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Gurdeep Singh, contends that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 2 years, 1 month and 23 days.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 2 years, the 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

09.08.2021

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