

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-33585-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 11.11.2021

MANDEEP SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 98 dated 20.08.2020, under Sections 21 and 29 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Special Task Force, District STF Wing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although the petitioner is named in the secret information but no recovery has been effected from him. He further contends that recovery has been effected in pursuance of the statement of the co-accused Sukhwinder Singh from his field. The co-accused Sukhwinder Singh has also named the petitioner but no recovery has been effected from the petitioner or at his behest even after his arrest in the instant case. He is in custody for over 8 months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

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

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when no recovery has been effected from the petitioner, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, he is in custody for over 8 months, 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

11.11.2021

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