

**In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh**

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**CRM-M-31778-2020 (O & M)  
Date of Decision: July 27, 2021**

**HARPREET SINGH @ HAPPY**

**.....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**....RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Atul Lakhanpal, Senior Advocate with  
Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)**

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.36 dated 27.05.2017, under Sections 15 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Ajitwal, District Moga.

Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 200 kgs of poppy husk was recovered from the car in which the petitioner was travelling and another 400 kgs of poppy husk was also recovered at the behest of the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over 04 years and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that conclusion of the trial is being delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 04 years, 01 month and 28 days. He upon instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh states that all the prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 04 years, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, 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**

**July 27, 2021**  
**A.Kaundal**

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| Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable         | : | Yes/No |