

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-31639-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 17.08.2021

BAKSHISH SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.13 dated 19.03.2020, under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Lakho Ke Behram, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that intoxicant tablets of Clovidol with a total weight of 409 grams were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 4 months. He is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that the co-accused namely Manpreet Singh @ Manna in CRM-M-28184-2020 has been granted regular bail by the coordinate Bench of this court on 23.09.2020 and Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakha in CRM-M-12541-2020 has been granted regular bail by this court on 10.08.2020.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Mahesh, contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 1 year, 4 months and 26 days.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 4 months, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, 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

17.08.2021

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