

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-33839-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 15.07.2021

SATNAM SINGH @ SONI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Mikhail Kad, 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.61 dated 17.05.2020, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City Samana , District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that intoxicant tablets containing Tramadol with a total weight of 330 grams was allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 1 month and he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period 1 year, 1 month and 24 days. He, upon instructions from ASI Lali Ram, contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 1 month, 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

15.07.2021

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