

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-35605-2020 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 28.07.2021

GOBIND SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Neesh Garg, 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, 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Dhanaula, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that recovery of 500 kg of poppy husk has allegedly been effected from the truck wherein the petitioner was travelling. The petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Harsimranjit Singh, contends that none out of 9 the prosecution witnesses has been examined. Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel through email is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 2 years, 1 month and 13 days.

Heard.

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

28.07.2021

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