

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-37900-2020

Date of Decision: April 19, 2021

Baljeet Kaur

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. L.S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up through Video Conferencing in view of the outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19.

The instant Petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking Regular Bail on behalf of the Petitioner in case FIR No.55, dated 19.02.2020 registered under Sections 22, 27-A and 29 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

2. Seen custody certificate of the petitioner from which it transpires that the petitioner has undergone custody of 08 months and 08 days in the present case. After completion of the investigation, challan against her has been presented and even the charges have been framed but evidence from the prosecution side is yet to commence. There is no record of any other case against the petitioner under the NDPS Act.

3. For the detention of the petitioner at this stage and in view of the special circumstances to the effect that the Trial is likely to take a long time

due to on-set of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

4. In the circumstances and without commenting upon the other merits of the case, at this stage, this Court is of the opinion that further detention of the Petitioner for an indefinite period is not justified. As such, prayer of the petitioner for grant of bail is allowed and she is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

5. Disposed off.

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

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