

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-40168-2020

Date of decision : 23.03.2021.

Vijay Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Jagjit Singh Sarao, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.311 dated 05.12.2019, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Patran, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that recovery of Tramadol tablets with a total weight of about 600 grams was allegedly effected from the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over a year and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate in Court, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year and 25 days as on 22.03.2021. He upon instructions contends that although charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over a year, 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

March 23, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No