

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-45640-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 14.07.2021

VIPAN KUMAR BANSAL

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kumar Passi, 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.182 dated 24.08.2019, under Sections 22/25 of the NDPS Act, 1985 (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana Rural, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that intoxicant tablets containing 1 kg Tramadol was recovered from the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner had earlier suffered brain haemorrhage and paralytic attack. He has referred to the copy of the medical record at Annexure P-2 attached with the application bearing CRM No.2569 of 2020. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 10 months. He is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Chamkaur Singh, contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has

been examined. He has filed the custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 1 year, 10 months and 11 days. He also contends that the petitioner is also involved in another case under the Prisons Act but there is no other case under the NDPS Act against the petitioner.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 10 months, 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

14.07.2021

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