

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-2272-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 24.01.2022

KARAM SINGH @ KARMA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. J.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0366 dated 28.08.2020, under Sections 22/25/61 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that intoxicant tablets containing Tramadol with a total weight of 413.75 grams were allegedly recovered from him. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is in custody for over 1 ½ years. Learned counsel has also relied upon the judgments of the coordinate Benches of this Court in the case of **Kashmir Singh vs. State of Punjab**, in CRM-M-7437 of 2019, decided on 21.02.2019, the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail as he was in custody for over seven months and the judgment in the case of **Karaj Singh vs. State of Punjab**, in CRM-M-23811 of 2018, decided on 09.07.2018, the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail after custody of six months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Rajinder Singh, contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined. She has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 1 year, 4 months and 22 days.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 4 months, 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

24.01.2022

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