

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

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CRM-M-8412-2022

Date of decision : 25.05.2022

Buta Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.14 dated 03.03.2020, under Sections 21 & 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Valtaha, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of 360 grams of heroin has been effected from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over two years and two months. The petitioner is involved in another case under the NDPS Act wherein recovery is of non-commercial quantity and he is on bail in that case.

Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 02 months and 18 days as on 24.05.2022. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Dalbir Singh, states that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined so far.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over two years and two 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.

At the time of release of the petitioner, the SHO, Police Station Valtoha, District Tarn Taran would be informed and the petitioner shall furnish his mobile number to the SHO and keep his mobile location on till the conclusion of the trial. He shall also appear before the Police Station on first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

May 25, 2022

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