

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-10554-2022 (O & M)

Date of Decision: July 27, 2022

GURSEWAK SINGH ALIAS LADDI

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Akashdeep Miglani, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jasleen Kaur Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.78 dated 17.04.2021, under Sections 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station City Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner and co-accused had run away on seeing the police party leaving behind a bag. It is alleged that the recovery of intoxicant tablets containing tramadol with total weight of 445.36 grams has been effected. The petitioner is 22 years of age and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is in custody for over 01 year and 03 months. He has relied upon the judgment of the Coordinate Benches of this Court in the case of **Kashmir Singh v. State of Punjab**, in CRM-M No.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 v. State of Punjab**, in CRM-M No. 23811 of 2018, decided on 09.07.2018, the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail after custody of six months.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 03 months and 06 days. She upon instructions from ASI Bhupender Singh states that 01 out of 13 prosecution witnesses, has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 03 months, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, 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 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

July 27, 2022
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No