

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

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CRM-M-11527-2022

Date of decision : 24.03.2022.

Ajmer Kaur @ Ajmero

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kamaldip Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.50 dated 20.07.2019 under Section 15 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Ghagga, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 80 kg. Poppy husk was recovered from the dickey of the car wherein the petitioner along with others were travelling. The petitioner is neither the owner of the car nor its driver and was merely sitting in the car. He also contends that the petitioner was arrested along with three other accused. The petitioner is in custody for over two years and eight months. She is involved in two other cases under the NDPS Act wherein recovery of poppy husk has been effected. He further submits that the petitioner is 45 year old lady and has two daughters of marriageable age.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Khemchand, states that 06 out of 12 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He has filed

the custody certificate in Court, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for two years, eight months and one day as on 23.03.2022. He also contends that in view of the petitioner being involved in other cases under the NDPS Act, she is not entitled the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is a lady, she is in custody for over two years and eight 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 her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

At the time of release of the petitioner, the SHO, Women Police Station, Patiala shall be informed. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO on first Monday of every month and shall furnish her mobile number to him/her. The petitioner shall also keep the location of her phone on till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

March 24, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No