

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-13691-2022 (O & M)
Date of Decision: April 06, 2022**

JATINDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Kanwaljeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.59 dated 27.04.2020, under Section 18 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Samrala, District Khanna/Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner was pillion riding on a motorcycle and a bag containing 3 kgs of opium was allegedly being carried on the motorcycle between the driver and the pillion rider. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is in custody for almost 02 years since his arrest on 27.04.2020.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Mohan Lal states that 01 out of 10 prosecution witness has been examined. He also submits that in pursuance to the disclosure statements of the petitioner and the co-accused, a huge quantity of opium was recovered from the house of the other co-accused, who was driving the motorcycle.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost 02 years, 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

April 06, 2022
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No