

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-17815-2022

DATE OF DECISION: 06.05.2022

DINESH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Rohit Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.876 dated 17.12.2019, under Sections 21-C & 22-C of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sector 7, Faridabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner, who is a licensed chemist, was travelling in the car owned by the co-accused Ajit Singh. 4500 tablets of Alprazolam, 1440 tablets of Rexcof containing codeine and 200 vials of Ketamine were recovered from the car. He further contends that the petitioner is neither owner of the car nor the driver. He is in custody for over 2 years and 4 months. He is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that co-accused namely Ajit Singh @ Ajit Rana has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-50515 of 2021 on 30.03.2022.

Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 2 years, 4 months and 16 days. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Rattan Singh, contends that 2 out of 15 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and 4 months, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, co-accused has been granted bail, 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

06.05.2022

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