

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-21695-2022 (O & M)
Date of Decision: August 24, 2022**

BABBU SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.156 dated 23.07.2020, under Sections 22 and 29 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is alleged that 5500 tablets containing tramadol with a total weight of about 2 kgs was effected from the petitioner and the co-accused, who were riding motorcycle. Co-accused Mandeep Singh alias Laddi has been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-36107-2020 on 18.04.2022. The petitioner was involved in two other cases under the NDPS Act wherein the recovery was non-commercial quantity of poppy husk. He is in custody for over two years.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for over two years. He upon instructions from ASI Amrinder Singh states that 02 out of 16 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He further submits that in view of the serious allegation against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years, co-accused has been granted bail 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

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