

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

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CRM-M-25758-2021

Date of decision : 24.01.2022.

Kulwinder Singh @ Kindi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Shivenderpal Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Brijeshwar Singh Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.07 dated 25.01.2021, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Ajitwal, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that 1490 intoxicant tablets containing Tramadol with a total weight of 664 grams approximately were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for almost a year since his arrest on 25.01.2021 and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. Learned counsel has relied upon the judgments of the Coordinate Benches of this Court in the case of **Kashmir Singh vs. State of Punjab**, in CRM-M-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 versus State of Punjab**, in CRM-M-23811 of 2018, decided on 09.07.2018,

the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail after custody of six months. Co-accused Jagtar Singh @ Babbu has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-15449-2021 on 10.12.2021.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh, states that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost a year, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, the judgments of the Coordinate Benches of this Court, 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

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