

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

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CRM-M-26662-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision : 07.04.2022.

Harpreet Singh alias Gopi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Manpreet Ghuman Sarwara, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jasleen Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

CRM-7640-2022

This application is for preponement of the date fixed in the main case.

As the main case is listed today, this application has been rendered infructuous and the same is disposed of as such.

Main case

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.210 dated 16.10.2019 under Sections 22 and 25 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that 23000 intoxicant tablets containing Tramadol with a total weight of 9 kg. and 4000 tablets containing Alprazolam with a total weight of 570 gram were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for about 2½ years. Prior to the registration of the instant FIR, the petitioner was not involved in any other case. He has been involved in another case under the NDPS Act while he was in custody in the instant case on the allegations that the

contraband was found from a truck which belongs to him. She, however, contends that as the petitioner was in jail, he did not have any access to the truck and therefore, he could not have been implicated in the other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Charanjeet Singh, states that although challan has been filed but none out of seventeen prosecution witnesses have been examined. She has filed the custody certificate in Court, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 05 months and 18 years as on 06.04.2022.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost 2 ½ years, 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.

At the time of release of the petitioner, the SHO, Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda shall be informed. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO on every alternate Monday and shall furnish his mobile number to him. The petitioner shall also keep the location of his phone on till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

April 07, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No