

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-37526-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 18.05.2022

PRITAMPAL SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. K.K. Bhainiwala, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.177 dated 14.10.2019, under Sections 21 & 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery which has been effected from the petitioner is 10 grams of heroin (non-commercial) and 12 bottles of cough syrup Maxcof (100 ml each) containing codeine. He further contends that the petitioner is also involved in other cases under the NDPS Act which pertain to recovery of non-commercial quantity and he is on bail in those cases. The petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and 7 months.

Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 07 months and 02 days. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kewal Singh, states that the petitioner is also involved in other cases under the NDPS Act. He also submits that 2 out of 11 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and 7 months, 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, SHO, Police Station Adampur shall be informed. The petitioner shall furnish his mobile number to the SHO and keep his mobile location on till the conclusion of the trial. He shall also appear before the Police Station on first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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