

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-40638-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 07.01.2022

GURLAL SINGH ALIAS LALI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Tribhawan Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.98 dated 10.08.2020, under Sections 22/29 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Bhadaur, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that intoxicant tablets containing Tramadol with a total weight of 419 grams were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner is 23 year of age and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is in custody for about 1 year and 5 months since his arrest on 10.08.2020. 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, wherein the petitioner had been granted regular bail as he was in custody for over seven months and the judgment in the case of **Karaj Singh vs. State of Punjab**, in CRM-M-23811 of 2018, decided on 09.07.2018, wherein the petitioner had been granted regular bail after custody of six months.

Learned State counsel contends that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 4 months, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, 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

07.01.2022

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