

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

217 CRM-M-37847-2022
Date of Decision.:16.10.2023

Sunita Rani @ BabyPetitioner
Vs.Respondent
State of Punjab

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Gurbir Singh Sidhu, Advocate with
Mr. Mohit Kumar, Advocate for
the petitioner.

Mr. Randeep Singh Khaira, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.13 dated 23.01.2022 registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station City 1 Sangrur, District Sangrur.

2. As per prosecution allegations, 840 tablets of Alprazolam, with a weight of 103 gram, was recovered from the possession of petitioner on 23.01.2022.
3. Learned counsel contends that trial is likely to take long time; that petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year and 08 months; that recovered quantity of contraband is just above the commercial quantity; that petitioner has no criminal antecedents and in all these circumstances, petitioner be granted bail.

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4. On the last date of hearing it was informed by learned State counsel that only 01 prosecution witness was left to be examined. However, today it is informed that in fact 03 witnesses are left to be examined and that after passing of the previous order i.e. on 25.07.2023, the trial has not proceeded further.

5. It is not disputed by learned State counsel that recovered quantity from the petitioner is marginally high from the commercial category. Besides, as per the custody certificate petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year 08 months and 22 days. She is a woman and has no other criminal case pending against her.

6. Having regard to all the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

October 16, 2023
Neetika Tuteja

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No