

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

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CRM-M-38145-2022

Date of decision : 18.01.2023

Ranjit Singh @ Rana

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Kumar Passi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.122 dated 11.06.2018 under Section 21 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station City Patti, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the alleged recovery of 320 grams of heroin was effected from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over three years and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take sometime. He is involved in other cases under the NDPS Act but he is on bail in those cases.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Balwinder Singh, submits that none of the 08 prosecution witnesses has been examined. He further submits that in view of the seriousness of the allegations and his involvement in other cases under the NDPS Act, the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of regular bail. He has filed the custody certificate in Court, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 03 years, 03 months and 12 days as on 17.01.2023.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 03 years and 03 months 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 City Patti, District Tarn Taran would be informed and 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

January 18, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No