

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

**Neutral Citation No. 2024:PHHC:010555
CRM-M-2976-2024**

Date of Decision: January 25, 2024

Charanjit Kaur @ Charno

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. L.S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of his release on bail in a case arising out of FIR No.64 dated 18.09.2022, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Bakhshiwala, District Patiala.

2. As per prosecution allegations, petitioner Charanjit Kaur @ Charno alongwith Rani, Gurmeet Kaur and Manpreet Kaur were apprehended during police patrolling on 18.09.2022 and different quantities of intoxicating capsules were recovered from them. From the possession of the petitioner Charanjit Kaur @ Charno, 570 intoxicating capsules containing salt of tramadol hydrochloride was recovered, weighing 304 grams.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that similarly placed co-accused Rani and Manpreet Kaur have already been allowed bail by this Court vide order dated 11.01.2024. From the possession of Rani, 550 lose intoxicating capsules; whereas from the possession of Manpreet Kaur, 540 lose intoxicating capsules were recovered. Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn attention towards the fact that

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petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year and 04 months, with no criminal antecedent and prays for grant of regular bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

6. Learned State counsel could not refute the contention to effect that the case of the petitioner is on the same footing with that of co-accused Rani and Manpreet Kaur, who have already been allowed bail by this Court by this Court, vide order dated 11.01.2024 (Annexure P-2).

7. Custody certificate is taken on record, which reveals that petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 04 months and 06 days with no criminal antecedent. On instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh, learned State counsel also informs that out of 09 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 05 have been examined.

8. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, particularly on the basis of parity, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, petitioner is admitted to bail. She is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

Allowed.

January 25, 2024
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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