

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

**CRM-M No.10265 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.04.2016**

Ranjit Singh @ Rana

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Manjeet Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Present 2nd petition is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner/accused-Ranjit Singh @ Rana in case FIR No.126 dated 23.08.2013, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, registered with Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar City.

There is alleged recovery of 9 Kgs. of *Heroin* and 5 Kgs. of *Intoxicating Powder* from the conscious possession of the petitioner-Ranjit Singh @ Rana and his co-accused brother-Amarjit Singh while traveling in a Car and house of both the accused.

The petitioner is stated to be in custody since 23.08.2013 and not involved in any other criminal activity.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner further submits that in the previous petition seeking similar relief, this Court vide order dated 21.01.2016 had directed the SSP, Amritsar Rural to ensure the conclusion of the evidence of the prosecution within two months i.e. by 21.03.2016. It is

next contended that inspite of the said order passed, the evidence of the prosecution still remains to be concluded.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Manjeet Singh, is unable to refute the aforesaid factual situation.

It is also conceded that the petitioner along with his co-accused were not guilty of obstructing the conclusion of the evidence of the prosecution in any manner.

Faced with the aforesaid conceded factual situation and without going into either to the merits of the case or the reasons for non-conclusion of the prosecution evidence till now, keeping in view the custody period and the slackness of the prosecution, this Court is constrained to extend the benefit of regular bail to the present petitioner in the light of his custody and the order dated 21.01.2016. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

April 22, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**