

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-1013-2018

Date of Decision: March 27, 2018

Avtar Singh

.....Petitioner.

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Sahil Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner-Avtar Singh, seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.195, dated 05.10.2016, under section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Kapurthala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been in custody for eleven months and ten days. The investigation is complete and trial has also commenced. Thus, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody indefinitely.

3. Custody certificate, dated 26.03.2018, issued by Sh. Lalit Kumar Kohli, PPS, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Jalandhar at Kapurthala, has been filed in Court today and the same is taken on record. On perusal of the certificate, it shows that the petitioner has been in custody for eleven months and ten days.

4. Keeping in view the fact that only two witnesses out of eight have been examined till date and that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, it would be just and appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail during the pendency of the trial.

5. Thus, the petition is allowed. Petitioner- Avtar Singh son of Sh. Kirpal Singh, is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Judge, Special Court concerned at Kapurthala.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No