

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

CRM-M-25912-2018
Date of decision: 05.07.2018

Rachpal Singh @ Dhola

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 14 dated 23.07.2015, registered under Sections 21/25/29/61/85 of the NDPS Act at Police Station SSOC, Amritsar, District Amritsar.

Learned State counsel filed custody certificate which is taken on record. A perusal of the same shows that the petitioner is involved in two other FIRs under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Patwinder Singh, submits that out of total 14 prosecution witnesses, 11 witnesses have already been examined.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he will not press the petition if a direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of one month as the petitioner is in judicial custody since 23.07.2015.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that the trial is pending for the last two years and is still at the stage of prosecution evidence, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months from today.

July 05, 2018

Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No