

Crl. Misc. No. M-35562 of 2018
Date of Decision: October 16, 2018

Gurlal Singh @ Gallu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. H.S. Jalal, Advocate
for the petitioner
Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG Punjab

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 13 dated 19.01.2018 under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sangat, Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of more than eight months. The investigation in this case is complete but the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other case pending against the petitioner and, thus, he may be released on regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 16.10.2018 prepared by Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, PPS, Superintendent Central Jail, Bathinda, has been filed in the Court today and the same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of eight months and twenty five days. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

On being questioned regarding status of the trial, learned State counsel submits that out of 11 PWs, only 1 PW has been examined till date.

Thus, it is clear that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other case pending/decided against the petitioner, thus, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

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[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No