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

CRM-M-39070-2018
Date of decision: 25.10.2018

Manpreet Singh **...Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab **...Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Anterpreet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, DAG, 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. 12 dated 01.02.2015, under Sections 22/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act at Police Station Payal, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was granted interim bail in March, 2015 by the Additional Sessions Judge awaiting the FSL report and was appearing before the trial Court, however, after receipt of the FSL report, the petitioner was arrested on 08.11.2017 and since then he is in judicial custody.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits the petitioner is not involved in any other case and co-accused Jashandeep Singh @ Jassi, who was the pillion rider, has already been granted concession of regular bail, vide order dated 26.09.2018 passed in CRM-M-28443-2018 and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time.

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Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Satpal Singh, submits that out of total 09 prosecution witnesses, 03 witnesses have been examined so far.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the facts that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 08.11.2017; he has not misused the concession of interim bail; co-accused of the petitioner has already been granted regular bail and also considering the fact that conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time; the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and two sureties of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

October 25, 2018 **(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)**
Waseem Ansari **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*

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