

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

Sr. No.211

CRM-M-43152 of 2018 (O&M)
DECIDED ON: December 13, 2018

RAJESH KUMAR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Vikram Lakhlan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. K. S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 72 dated 24.07.2018 registered under Section 18 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Kotwali Nabha, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody almost 05 months now. The investigation is complete. But the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as charge has not yet been framed. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be released on regular bail.

The aforementioned factual submissions are not controverted by the learned State counsel.

Keeping in view the fact that the investigation is complete as well as the fact that there are no other cases under the NDPS Act, 1985,

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pending against the petitioner, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody indefinitely. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as large number of prosecution witnesses remain to be examined. 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, at Patiala.

December 13, 2018

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No