

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

Sr. No.220

CRM-M-47152 of 2018

DECIDED ON: November 19, 2018

KASHMIR SINGH @ MITHU

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Vijay K. Jindal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon order dated 05.10.2018 passed in CRM-M-39071 of 2018 titled as Parmod Kumar @ Laddi vs. State of Punjab, whereby one Parmod Kumar @ Laddi has been granted regular bail, to contend that the petitioner is identically situated and thus, on the principle of parity, he deserves to be released on regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 19.11.2018, prepared by Balwinder Singh, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has been in custody for the last 04years, 10 months and 01 day.

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On being asked, learned State counsel submits that out of 23 Pws only 02 Pws have been examined till date. He further submits that trial is being delayed because there are a large number of accused persons and one or the other keeps approaching this Court resulting in delay.

However, it is not denied that the petitioner is identically situated at aforementioned Parmod Kumar @ Laddi.

Thus, on the principle of parity, the petitioner deserves to be granted 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.

The trial court is directed to expedite the trial and to conclude the same within six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. A copy of the order be transmitted to the concerned Court.

November 19, 2018

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No