

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

Crl. Misc. No.M- 54516 of 2018

Date of Decision:- 17.12.2018

Vishal Sahota alias Shalu

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present:- Mr. Aditya Dassaur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.170 dated 28.05.2018 registered at Police Station City Khanna, District Ludhiana, under Sections 22 and 25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 28.05.2018. However, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as charge has not yet framed. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 17.12.2018 prepared by Sh. Iqbal Singh Dhaliwal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana, has been filed in Court and the same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 06 months and 16 days and that there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the factual submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Keeping in view the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date and that the petitioner does not possess any criminal antecedents, I deem it appropriate to allow this petition. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner-Vishal Sahota @ Shalu, is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

December 17, 2018
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(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned **Yes**

Whether reportable **No**