

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

Crl. Misc. No.M-54669 of 2018

Date of Decision:- 17.12.2018

Sunil Kumar

....Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

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

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.119 dated 10.07.2018 registered at Police Station Lalru, District Mohali (SAS Nagar) under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 12.07.2018. However, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as out of 13 PWs, only 1 PW has been examined till date. There are no other criminal cases pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 17.12.2018 prepared by Sh. Gurcharan Singh Dhaliwal, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison, Patiala, has been filed in Court and the same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 05 months and 02 days and 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-Sunil Kumar, 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**