

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

Sr. No.227

CRM-M-641-2019

DECIDED ON: January 15, 2019

SARABJIT SINGH @ SATHI

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Dinesh Nagar, 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. 48 dated 02.06.2018 registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Banga, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 02.06.2018. The investigation is complete but the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as out of total 10 witnesses, 07 witnesses remain to be examined. The petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 15.01.2019 prepared by Sh. Iqbal Singh Dhaliwal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison, Ludhiana has been filed by learned State counsel today in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this custody certificate, the petitioner has undergone

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actual custody of 03 months & 17 days and there are no other criminal case is pending or decided against him.

The aforementioned factual submissions have not been 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, 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/Judge, Special Court, concerned, at S.B.S. Nagar.

January 15, 2019

Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No