

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

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**CRM-M-32642-2018
Date of Decision:18.03.2019**

Reshma

... petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr.I.S.Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr.Luvinder Sofat, AAG Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL):

The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No.69 dated 02.06.2018, under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Kabarwala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 9 months. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as out of 11 witnesses only 01 witness has been examined till date. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, she may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 16.03.2019 prepared by Sh.Lalit Kumr Kohli, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison Faridkot, has been filed in the Court and the same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has been in custody since 9 months and 13 days and there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

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

Keeping in view the fact that no other criminal case is pending

against the petitioner and the conclusion of the trial will take a long time as a large number of prosecution witnesses remain to be examined, no useful purpose would be served by keeping her in custody indefinitely. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on her furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

March 18, 2019

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable-

Yes/No.
Yes/No