

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

Sr. No.213

**CRM-M-41947 of 2018
DECIDED ON: January 14, 2019**

GURPREET SINGH @ LEHMBAR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Amit Kumar Walia, 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. 63 dated 30.01.2018 (P-1), registered under Section 21/22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, Section 379, 411, 506 IPC and Section 67 of Information Technology Act, 2000 added later on, at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 20.02.2018. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner and he has been named as an accused on the basis of disclosure statement of a co-accused. The investigation is complete in this case but the examination of PWs has not started as charge has yet to be framed. Thus, on the basis of custody period of the petitioner, he is entitled to grant of regular bail.

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Learned State counsel opposes the prayer on the ground that there are 15 other cases registered against the petitioner.

Regarding the other 15 cases, it has already been recorded in the previous order dated 14.11.2018 that either cancellation reports/untraced reports have been submitted in the said cases or orders of acquittal have been passed. Only 01 other case is pending against the petitioner in which the petitioner has already been granted regular bail.

Thus, keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner as well as the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned, at Ludhiana.

The petitioner shall report to the S.H.O. of the Police Station concerned on the last date of every month, during the pendency of the trial, besides appearing before the trial Court on each and every date of hearing.

January 14, 2019

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No