

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

CRM-M-27829-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : 18.07.2019

Gurmit Chand @ Geeta

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. B.K. Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the petition is to grant regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.34 dated 10.04.2015 registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur.

Petitioner is accused in two cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. In FIR No.34, he was released on bail as the prosecution did not complete the investigation in spite of completion of 180 days of custody of the petitioner. However, petitioner jumped the bail on 05.11.2016. Similarly in the connected case also, he jumped the bail. After more than 2 years, petitioner surrendered on 17.01.2019. Apparently alleged recovery from the petitioner in both the cases falls in commercial category.

In this case, trial is pending for quite sometime which has been delayed for long absence of the petitioner.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, no ground is made out to grant concession of regular bail once again. However, learned trial Court is impressed upon to make sincere endeavour to conclude the trial positively within a period of one year.

In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.

18.07.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No