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

CRM-M-31042 of 2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: December 02, 2019

Ishtpal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr. P.C.') for direction to the learned Special Court to conclude the trial, in FIR No.153 dated 21.09.2013, under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Maqsudan, District Jalandhar City, within specified period.

This Court, on 05.08.2019, has passed the following order:-

“Petitioner is present in person and states that he is ready to surrender before learned trial Court and wishes to join the proceedings in terms of the order dated 03.12.2018 passed in CRM-M-51672 of 2018.

Permitted to do so.

Adjourned to 12.09.2019.

However, it is made clear that in terms of the order

dated 03.12.2018 passed in CRM-M-51672 of 2018 petitioner be released on interim bail till the next date of hearing on his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds subject to the satisfaction of learned trial Court concerned.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Mukesh Pal, has apprised the Court that, in pursuance of order dated 05.08.2019, petitioner did surrender before the learned trial Court and is regularly appearing. Also pointed out that the trial is pending for 15.02.2020.

In view of the above, order dated 05.08.2019 passed by this Court, is made absolute. However, since the petitioner is residing abroad, therefore, this petition is disposed off, with a request to the learned trial Court to proceed further with the trial expeditiously and to conclude the same within four months from today, if there is no legal impediment.

Sueprintendent of Police, Jalandhar shall fully cooperate with the learned trial Court.

The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

December 02, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No