

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-43718 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.11.2019**

Sobha Ram alias Sumna

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Rahul Arora, Advocate for
Mr. Raman Goklaney, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil Sharma, DAG, Punjab
for the respondent -State.

Daya Chaudhary, J. (Oral)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.127 dated 07.08.2014 registered under Section 302 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act at Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka during pendency of the trial.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 17.08.2014 and statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. has been recorded on 17.08.2018. Now the case is fixed for recording of defence evidence. There is no progress in the trial as the case has been adjourned on various dates. Learned counsel further submits that by considering the long custody period, the petitioner be released on regular bail or directions be issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Bahadar Singh submits that the trial is at the fag end and is likely to be concluded.

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Heard arguments of learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the documents available on the file.

The facts regarding long custody period and stage of trial have not been disputed.

By considering the stage of trial as all the prosecution witnesses have been examined and statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. has also been recorded, no ground is made out to release the petitioner on regular bail at this stage.

Dismissed.

However, the trial Court is directed to make all efforts to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within a period of two months.

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(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No