

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.212

CRM-M-61849-2018

Date of decision : 11.1.2019

Hargobind Singh @ Laddi

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. GS Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.115 dated 22.5.2017, registered at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a period of 09 months has elapsed since his earlier application for grant of regular bail was rejected. Co-accused, identically placed as the petitioner has meanwhile been granted regular bail vide order dated 4.12.2018 passed in CRM-M-22600-2018. The petitioner has been in custody since 22.5.2017. There is no other criminal case pending or decided against him. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as examination of PWs has not been started. Thus, the petitioner be released on regular bail.

The factual submissions made by counsel for the petitioner have not been controverted by learned State counsel.

Custody certificate dated 10.1.2019, by way of affidavit of Sh. Shivraj Singh Nandgarh, Superintendent, District Jail, Sri Muktsar Sahib, has been filed by the learned State counsel in Court today and the same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone

actual custody of 01 year, 03 months and 12 days and no other criminal case is pending or decided against him.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, I deem it appropriate to allow this petition. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner-Hargobind Singh @ Laddi, is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

11.1.2019.
Ramandeep Singh
Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes/ No