

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

Sr. No.213

**CRM-M-62060-2018 (O&M)**

**Date of decision : 7.3.2019**

Nikka Singh @ Dhinda @ Navreet Singh

..... Petitioner

**VERSUS**

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL**

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

Mr. AS Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.13 dated 19.1.2018, registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda, under Section 401 IPC and Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 01 year. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only 01 PW has been examined out of total 15 PWs. The accused from whom the contraband was allegedly recovered, namely, Gurlal Singh @ Gallu, has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 16.10.2018 (P3) passed in CRM-M-35562-2018. There is no other case pending or decided against him under the NDPS Act, 1985 and therefore, he may be released on regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 7.3.2019, prepared by Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda, has been filed by the learned State counsel in Court and the same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year and 15 days and there is no other case pending under the NDPS Act, 1985.

The factual submissions made by counsel for the petitioner

have not been controverted by learned State counsel.

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-Nikka Singh @ Dhinda @ Navreet Singh, 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

**7.3.2019**  
Ramandeep Singh  
Whether speaking / reasoned  
Whether Reportable

Yes / No  
Yes/ No