

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.214

CRM-M-62074-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision : 11.3.2019

Ranjit Singh @ Jita @ Rakesh Kumar

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. CL Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.170 dated 28.5.2018, registered at Police Station City Khanna, District Ludhiana, under Sections 22 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 09 months. The trial is still at the initial stage as the examination of PW(s) has not yet started and therefore, it is not likely to be concluded at an early date. The petitioner has no criminal antecedents. Similarly situated co-accused, namely, Vishal Sahota @ Shalu has been granted regular bail vide order dated 17.12.2018 passed by this Court in CRM-M-54516-2018 and therefore, the petitioner may be released on regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 11.3.2019, by way of affidavit of Sh. Narpinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison, Ludhiana, 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 custody of 09 months and 08 days including remission. There are 02 other criminal cases filed against him and he has been acquitted in those cases and as on date, there is no criminal case pending against him.

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-Ranjit Singh @ Jita @ Rakesh Kumar, 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

11.3.2019
Ramandeep Singh
Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes/ No