

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

Sr. No.214

**CRM-M-54868 of 2018
DECIDED ON: February 04, 2019**

DALJIT SINGH @ NIKKA

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 144 dated 13.06.2018 registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Jamalpur, District Ludhiana (P-1)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 13.06.2018. The investigation is complete as the challan stand presented. Charges have also been framed but the examination of PWs has not yet commenced. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other criminal case pending/decided against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

The aforementioned factual submissions have not been controverted by the learned State counsel.

Keeping in view the fact that the investigation is complete as well as the fact that there are no other cases under the NDPS Act, 1985,

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pending/decided against the petitioner, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody indefinitely. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as large number of prosecution witnesses remain to be examined. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned, at Ludhiana.

February 04, 2019

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No