

Tharu @ Balwinder Kumar

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG Punjab

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 52 dated 27.07.2018 under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Anaj Mandi, Patiala, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for over 1 year and 4 months. He further submits that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

A custody certificate dated 20.12.2019 prepared by Sh. Lal Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison, Patiala has been filed in the Court today and the same is taken on record. According to the certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 1 year, 4 months and 14 days. There are two other cases registered against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel accepts the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only 1 PW out of a total of 15 PWs has been examined.

In view of the above, 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/Duty Magistrate concerned.

December 20, 2019

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**[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No