

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

CRM-M No.56223 of 2018 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 18th NOVEMBER, 2019

Inderjit Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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Present : Mr. Karan Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No.187 dated 19.06.1997 registered under Section 15 of Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Patiala, District Patiala.

It is contended by counsel for the petitioner that in this very case the petitioner was granted bail pending trial. For some time the petitioner was regularly appearing before the court. However, in the year 2002 the petitioner had left the country. He returned to India on 28.08.2018. Thereafter he himself surrendered before the Court. Since then the petitioner is in custody. Still further it is submitted that other co-accused of the petitioner, although convicted by the trial court, on consideration of merits of the case, however, have been acquitted by this court. The allegation against the petitioner were joint; along with those

co-accused. The evidence of the prosecution is already going on. Therefore, the petitioner is not required for any investigation purpose.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State, submits that the petitioner remained proclaimed offender for a long time. Even the recovery from the petitioner and his co-accused, was very heavy. However, it is not disputed that the petitioner had surrendered before the court on 28.08.2018 and he is in continuous custody since then. It is also not disputed that the prosecution evidence is going on.

In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. It is ordered that the petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/sureties to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>