IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA.

Cr.MP(M) No. 2257 of 2020

Date of decision: December 31, 2020.

Mohan Singh .....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh .....Respondent.

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua, *Judge.*

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner : Mr. Ajay Sipahiya, Advocate.

For the respondent : Mr. Anil Jaswal, Addl. Advocate General.

(Through Video Conference)

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, *Judge (Oral)*

The petitioner is in custody w.e.f. 14.10.2017 in FIR No. 274/2017, registered against him at Police Station, Solan, under Section 20 of NDPS Act. He is accused of possessing 1.926 Kg. of cannabis in the FIR and has prayed for release on regular bail in the instant petition.

2. As per the status report, the trial in the case is going on, wherein 15 out of total 20 witnesses have already been examined and the next date of trial is stated to be 4th January 2021. In such circumstances, at this stage it will not

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[1] ***Whether the reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the Judgment?***

be appropriate to look into the matter for the purpose of considering the bail petition of the petitioner. Learned Counsel for the petitioner accordingly prays for withdrawing this petition at this stage with liberty to move afresh at an appropriate stage in accordance with law. Prayer is allowed. Petition is disposed of as withdrawn with leave and liberty, as prayed for. However, considering the fact that petitioner is in custody w.e.f. 14.10.2017 and 15 out of total 20 witnesses have already been examined, the trial Court (learned Special Judge-III, Solan) is directed to expedite and complete the trial as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four months from today. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this judgment to learned trial Court forthwith for compliance.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge.

December 31, 2020,
(*vs*)