

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

Sr. No. 206

**Crl. Misc. No.M-1270 of 2020
DATE OF DECISION: 01.10.2020**

SUKHRAJ SINGH @ SUKH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Vipul K. Jindal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 246 dated 16.09.2019 registered at Police Station Sadar, Amritsar, under Sections 21 and 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for over one year. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as examination of PWs has not yet started. There is no other case under the NDPS Act, 1985 pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 01.10.2020 has been submitted in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year and 12 days and there is no other case under the NDPS Act, 1985 pending against him.

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Learned State counsel concedes that examination of PWs has not yet commenced.

Thus, in view of the period of custody undergone as well as the fact that trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, the petitioner deserves to be released on regular bail.

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/Duty Magistrate concerned.

01.10.2020

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No