

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

Sr. No.215-a

CRM-M-2977-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 02.09.2020

JANAK RAJ

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 24 dated 14.03.2019 registered at Police Station Jhunir, District Mansa under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for more than one year. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as the matter has been adjourned ever since the outbreak of covid-19 pandemic. As on date, only 03 PWs stand fully examined out of a total of 08 PWs. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail. .

Custody certificate dated 01.09.2020 has been submitted in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year, 05 months and 15 days and there is no criminal case pending/decided against him.

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Regarding the stage of the trial, learned State counsel has no option but to concede.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has undergone more than 01 year of custody and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner 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.

02.09.2020
Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No