

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.207

CRM-M-4521-2020

Date of decision : 21.9.2020

Kamil Qureshi

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. S. S. Deol, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.99 dated 20.8.2019, registered at Police Station City-II Malerkotla, District Sangrur, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for over 01 year as he was arrested on 20.8.2019. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as examination of PWs has not yet commenced. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, keeping in view the custody as well as the fact that the trial is not concluded at an early date, he may be granted regular bail.

Learned State counsel concedes that there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner. He also concedes that examination of PWs has not yet commenced. However, he opposes the prayer for bail on the ground that a large quantity of contraband was recovered from the petitioner.

It is, thus, evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, it can be safely said that the petitioner is not likely to involve

himself in another case under the NDPS Act, 1985, in case, he is granted regular bail. Thus, recovery of heavy contraband would not deter me in granting the petitioner regular bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

21.9.2020
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No