

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12146-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.01.2020

Sat Pal Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. B.S. Toor, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.181 dated 23.12.2013 under Sections 22/25 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was initially granted regular bail on 04.12.2014 by the Judge, Special Court, Ludhiana and was attending the Court, however, he absented from the Court proceedings on 17.05.2017 and was re-arrested on 27.11.2018 and since then, he is in custody. It is further submitted that in the intervening period, the petitioner was declared as proclaimed person on 25.04.2018. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is on bail in other cases and out of total 13 prosecution witnesses, only 05 PWs have been examined, therefore, it will take some time in conclusion of the trial.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Jagroop Singh and on the basis of custody certificate, has not disputed the factual position.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that after re-arrest of the petitioner, he is in custody for the last more than 01 year and 02 months and only 05 PWs have been examined, out of total 13 PWs, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No