

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

**CRM-M-16704-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 10.07.2020**

Krishan Kant @ Krishan Lal @ Ricky Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Custody certificate of the petitioner has been filed. Same is taken on record. Be tagged at appropriate place.

Through this third petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No.167 dated 18.12.2017, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Moti Nagar, District Ludhiana.

The first bail petition i.e. CRM-M-16689-2018 of petitioner was dismissed on merit vide order dated 07.09.2018. Since the prosecution had concluded its evidence, therefore, his second petition i.e. CRM-M-3239-2019, for bail was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 04.12.2019 of a Coordinate Bench.

Learned counsel contends that similarly situated co-accused namely Kewal Krishan @ Karan was granted bail by the trial court vide order dated 27.03.2018 whereas petitioner is in custody since 18.12.2017. Conclusion of trial may take sufficient long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner any more in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering the overall circumstances of the case and treating the case of petitioner on the same parity as that of his above-named co-accused, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner Krishan Kant @ Krishan Lal @ Ricky is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No