

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

Sr. No.214

CRM-M-16501-2020

DATE OF DECISION: August 11, 2020

GURJANT SINGH @ BUNTY

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Tegbir Singh Dhillon, 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. 63 dated 06.07.2019 registered at Police Station Hathur, District Ludhiana Rural, under Sections 15 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody in excess of one year. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as even charges have not been framed as yet. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and co-accused namely Jagsir Singh who is identically situated as the petitioner has been granted regular bail by this Court. Thus, the petitioner may also be granted a similar concession.

3. Custody certificate dated 11.08.2020 has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year and 22 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

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4. Learned State counsel concedes that charges have yet to be framed in this case.

5. It is thus evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. The petitioner has already undergone custody in excess of one year and thus, the interest of justice requires to release him on regular bail.

6. 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.

August 11, 2020

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No