

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

Sr. No.205

**Crl. Misc. No.M-17113 of 2020
DATE OF DECISION: 28.10.2020**

HARMANJIT SINGH @ ROOP

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks regular bail on the ground of period of custody of the petitioner. It is argued that the petitioner has been in custody for over 02 years and 10 months and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer on the ground that the petitioner has misused the concession of bail on earlier occasions. Twice, he had to be declared P.O. as he had jumped bail. During the period that he absconded from the law, he committed more offences some of which were very serious in nature. Thus, the petitioner is a flight risk. Further, it is submitted that out of a total of 16 PWs, 07 PWs stand examined and the next date of hearing is 10.11.2020 and accordingly, a direction may be given to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

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In view of the fact that there are a large number of cases pending against the petitioner as well as the fact that the petitioner has earlier jumped bail and has committed offences, I deem it appropriate to direct the trial Court to expedite the trial.

The present petition is dismissed.

The trial Court is directed to expedite the trial.

28.10.2020

Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether Reportable *No*