

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-18383-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.07.2020

Lakhwinder Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

Narcotics Control Bureau, Chandigarh

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Raman Goklaney, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjay Vashisth, Sr. Panel Counsel
for NCB.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in case Crime No.25 dated 07.07.2016 under Sections 8, 15, 18, 29 & 60 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station NCB, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 08.07.2016 and despite lapse of a period of four years, the trial is not concluded.

Learned Sr. Panel counsel for NCB has submitted that as per order dated 05.03.2020, the case was fixed for arguments on 12.03.2020, after closing of the defence evidence, however, the same is at the stage of final arguments.

In reply, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage, he will be satisfied if a direction is issued to the trial Court to dispose of

the matter within a period of one month from today, by hearing the arguments of both the counsel through video conferencing, even in view of present COVID-19 pandemic situation.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this petition is disposed of and the trial Court is directed to dispose of the case within a period of one month from today, in view of the fact that it was fixed for arguments.

Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Sr. Panel counsel for NCB undertake that they will submit the written synopsis/arguments or will make arguments through video conferencing on the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court i.e. 31.07.2020.

A copy of this order be communicated to the trial Court for compliance thereof.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No