

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-18778 of 2020

Date of Decision: August 11, 2020

Manpreet Singh @ Preet

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTALPresent: Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, 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. 254 dated 07.11.2019 registered under Sections 21 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Civil Lines Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody in excess of nine months. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as examination of PWs has not yet commenced. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and, thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 10.08.2020 has been filed in the Court. The same is taken on record. According to this custody certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 9 months and 2 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Learned State counsel concedes that examination of PWs has not commenced.

From the aforementioned facts, it is evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. Keeping in view the custody already undergone

by the petitioner, he deserves to be released on regular bail.

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.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No