

CRM-M-18425 of 2019

Date of decision : August 26, 2020

(Through Video Conferencing)

Gopal Singh alias Pali

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present:- Ms. Manjot Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Senior DAG., Punjab

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J (oral).

The instant petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.129, dated 30.09.2018, under Sections 15/61/85 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Ghagga, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a highly unbelievable version has been put forth by the prosecution that the petitioner was carrying 115 kilograms of poppy husk on a rehri, which was concealed by a tarpaulin, when the recovery of the said contraband was effected. She has further submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 30.9.2018 and the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future as only 5 out of the 10 prosecution witnesses cited so far, have been examined.

Learned State counsel while opposing the prayer for regular bail and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner has apprised this Court that the petitioner is involved in another case under the NDPS Act. Further, the delay in the conclusion of the trial has been due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Heard.

No ground is made out for grant of regular bail.

Dismissed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 26, 2020

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