

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

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CRM-M-21369-2020

Date of Decision:05.10.2020

SARABHJIT SINGH @ SABI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Daygeesh Kumar Bhatti, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Through the instant petition under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.110 dated 04.06.2018 registered under Section 21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946 (offence under Section 14 of Foreigners Act, 1946 was added later on) at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar, Annexure P-1.

After arguing for sometime and realizing that the Court is not inclined to accept the petition, counsel for the petitioner has requested for early conclusion of the trial as according to him, the trial is at an advanced stage.

State counsel has filed custody certificate dated 04.10.2020 through email. Printout of the same is taken on record. Copy thereof, has been supplied to counsel for the petitioner.

Upon instructions from ASI Sushil Kumar, he submits that the trial is pending for adducing evidence in defence by the accused.

In view of the fact that the trial is at the fag end, this Court does not deem it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner.

However, considering the fact that the trial can be concluded within next few hearings, the trial Court is directed to explore the possibility of conducting the proceedings and hearing the arguments through virtual mode, in case, it is not possible to conduct the proceedings physically, while adhering to all the safeguards, and conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible.

The petition stands disposed of.

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No