

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

Sr. No.214

**CRM-M-25242-2020
DATE OF DECISION: 03.09.2020**

LAKHVIR SINGH @ LAKHA

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. J.P. Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for regular bail in case FIR No. 42 dated 29.02.2020 registered at Police Station Canal Colony Bathinda, District Bathinda under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for over 06 months now. Charges have not yet been framed. Thus, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other criminal case pending/decided against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

3. Custody certificate dated 02.09.2020 has been submitted in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 06 months and there is no criminal case pending/decided against him.

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4. Thus, it is apparent that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. In view of the custody period of the petitioner and the fact that there is no other criminal case pending/decided against him, I deem it appropriate to grant him regular bail.

5. 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.

03.09.2020

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No