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

CRM-M-41613-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.12.2020

Kuldeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

This is 2nd petition for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.68, dated 12.07.2018, registered under Section 22/25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Nandgarh Bathinda, District Bathinda

On 05.11.2020, 1st petition filed by the petitioner bearing CRM-M-4470-2020 was dismissed with the following order:-

“Hearing of the case was held through video conference on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is second petition for grant of bail to the petitioner pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.68, dated 12.07.2018, registered under Section 22/25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Nandgarh, District Bathinda.

As per the office note, a previous petition filed by the petitioner i.e. CRM-M-521 of 2019, was dismissed on 23.05.2019.

As per case of the prosecution, three young men were apprehended with 3800 intoxicating tablets salt Tramadol. The aforesaid recovery falls in the category of commercial quantity.

Sh. Luvidner Sofat, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from ASI Jagwinder Singh, has pointed out that the trial of the case has made substantial progress as out of 8 prosecution witnesses proposed to be examined, 5 have already been examined.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, there is no ground to grant the concession of bail to the petitioner is made out.

Dismissed.

However, learned trial court is requested to expedite the trial of case.”

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, has informed the Court that the prosecution has already recorded evidence of 7 prosecution witnesses out of 13 and the next date of hearing is 04.01.2021.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. However, learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial of the case and make sincere efforts to conclude the same positively within next four months.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are disposed of, in view of the above-stated order.

18.12.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No