

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

Sr. No.206

**CRM-M-53817-2019**

**Date of decision : 27.7.2020**

Iqbal Singh @ Gabar

..... Petitioner

**VERSUS**

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL**

Present: Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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**SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.80 dated 21.4.2017, registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for almost a year and six months and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as charges have not been framed as yet. Co-accused, namely, Harmeet Singh @ Billa, has been acquitted, meanwhile. Keeping in view the stage of the trial and the custody period undergone by the petitioner, he deserves to be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 25.7.2020 has been filed by the learned State counsel and the same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of one year, six months and five days and there is no other case under the NDPS Act, 1985 pending against him.

Keeping in view the custody period already undergone by the petitioner, the stage of the trial and the fact that co-accused, Harmeet Singh @ Billa has been acquitted, I deem it appropriate to allow this petition.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released

on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)  
JUDGE

27.7.2020  
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned  
Whether Reportable

Yes / No  
Yes/ No