

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

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**CRM-M-1711-2021
Decided on : 22.02.2021**

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Mr. Arti Kaur, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 79, dated 09.08.2019, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'NDPS Act'), registered at Police Station Kathgarh, District SBS Nagar.

In compliance to the order dated 19th January, 2021, short reply by way of affidavit of Rajiv Kumar Arora, PPS, Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana, on behalf of the State, has been filed in Court today. Same is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. As per the said reply, the petitioner has indeed been tested positive for HIV. It has been further stated therein that the petitioner is being medically treated in the hospital and he is being provided with special high protein diet as per medical advice.

In the circumstances, no ground is made out to extend the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. However, since the petitioner

has been in custody since 09th August, 2019 and keeping in view his

medical condition, the trial Court concerned is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously, preferably, within a period of six months from today.

Petition stands dismissed accordingly.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

February 22, 2021

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No