

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(203) CRM-M-2427-2021
Date of decision:- 11.11.2021
Harbhajan Singh ...Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No.98 dated 23.06.2007 under Sections 21 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station A-Division, Amritsar City, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1).

Upon instructions from, ASI, Satnam Singh, State counsel submits that the petitioner was declared as a Proclaimed Offender on 23.09.2007 and was arrested on 13.05.2020 after a period of almost 13 years.

Faced with this situation, counsel for the petitioner does not press the petition. He, however, submits that since the petitioner is 65 years old and is in custody since the last almost 1 ½ year, therefore, a direction may be issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

Request of the counsel for the petitioner has been considered.

It has been brought to the notice of the Court that the supplementary challan against the petitioner was presented on 05.11.2020 and till date the charge has not been framed.

In view of the above background, it is ordered that the trial Court shall make an endeavor and proceed expeditiously to conclude the case.

Petition is disposed of.

11.11.2021 (SUVIR SEHGAL)
Kamal JUDGE

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