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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-3472-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.01.2021

Ranjit Singh @ Veeru

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

This is 2nd petition for grant of regular bail in FIR No.131 dated 08.12.2019 under Sections 21, 25, 27, 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station STF, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that first petition for grant of regular bail was dismissed as withdrawn on 10.08.2020 and the new ground is that the petitioner has undergone more than 01 year and 01 month of custody and the trial is not proceeding due to COVID-19 situation. It is further submitted that as per allegations in the FIR, the police apprehended the petitioner and recovered 310 grams of heroin. It is also submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and conclusion of the trial is likely to take long time.

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Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated 29.01.2021 in the Court today. As per this custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 01 month and 17 days. It is submitted that though the challan was presented on 08.06.2020, however, till date, charges have not been framed.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in long custody and even the charges have not been framed till date, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No