

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

CRM-M-6348-2020(O&M)

Date of decision:15.01.2021

Boota Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr.L.S.Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner
Ms. Sharmila Sharma, Advocate for UOI

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

This is second petition for grant of bail pending trial to the petitioner in a criminal case arising from NCB crime no. 56/2017, dated 09.09.2017 registered under Sections 8/15/18/60 and 62 of NDPS Act, NCB Zonal Unit, Chandigarh

The first petition was disposed of with the following order:-

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in N.C.B. Crime No.56/17 dated 09.09.2017 under Sections 08/15/18/23 and 60 of the NDPS Act, registered at N.C.B. Zonal Unit, Chandigarh.

This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at length. The trial has already started. FIR was registered on 09.09.2017. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, learned trial Court is requested to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within a period of one year.

With these observations, the petition stands disposed of.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is no progress in the trial of the case.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner was apprehended with 05.270 kgs opium and more than 4 kg poppy husk.

The quantity of opium falls in the category of commercial quantity.

Ms. Sharmila Sharma, has stated that the prosecution has already examined three witnesses out of total 10 witness on its behalf whereas it intends to give up two witnesses. She submits that the next date for recording of the evidence is 12.02.2021.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and without commenting on the merits of the case, it is considered appropriate to direct the trial court to conclude the trial of the case preferably within a period of six months.

Disposed of.

15.01.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes /No

Yes / No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE