

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

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IN VIRTUAL COURT

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CRM-M No. 10214 of 2021 (O & M)

Date of decision : 8.11.2021

Ram Singh @ Punnu

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Mr. A.S. Samra, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab

Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

This second petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No.227 dated 31.8.2019 registered under Sections 15, 29 and 61 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

A perusal of the record shows that the recovery allegedly made from the petitioner is extremely high and falls in the definition of 'commercial quantity' under the NDPS Act. Moreover, the petitioner has previous record of having been convicted for an offence under the NDPS Act as well. Hence, this Court does not deem it appropriate to grant bail pending trial. However, counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody for more than two years as of now and only 5 witnesses have been examined by the prosecution so far, out of total 16 witnesses. The Court finds substance in the submission of counsel for the petitioner. Hence, it would not be unjustified to

direct the prosecution to complete its entire evidence within a period of six months from the date next fixed before the trial Court.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed. However, the prosecution is directed to complete its entire evidence within a period of six months from the date next fixed before the trial Court.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

8.11.2021

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Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Reportable	:	Yes/No