

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

108)

CRM-M-11360-2020

Date of Decision: 17.09.2021

Malkeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Jasdeep Kailey, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

Case heard by video conferencing.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail' under the provisions of Section 439 Cr.P.C., upon FIR No.270, dated 30.08.2019, having been registered at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, alleging therein the commission of an offence punishable under Section 22 of the Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

The petitioner had been admitted to interim bail by this court vide an order passed on 23.11.2020, on the ground that despite him having been in custody for more than 1 year and 3 months at that stage, the trial had not progressed due to the ongoing pandemic.

Today, learned counsel for the petitioner very fairly submits that the trial has concluded with even arguments heard by the learned trial court, but with only judgment to be pronounced by that court.

That being so, with the quantity of contraband alleged to have been recovered from the petitioner being commercial quantity (as per the

case of the prosecution with no comment made in this petition by this court), the petition now stands dismissed with the interim order vacated; and with the petitioner therefore directed to surrender before the trial court by Tuesday, i.e. 21.09.2021, (unless the trial court has already fixed any date before that for pronouncement of orders, in which case the petitioner would surrender before that court on the date already given by the trial court today).

September 17, 2021

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**(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : YES
Whether Reportable : YES.