

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

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CRM-M No.13516 of 2020
DATE OF DECISION : 17th SEPTEMBER, 2021

Hardeep Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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In virtual Court

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Present : Mr. Kuldeep Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

The present third petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No.46 dated 23.05.2018 registered under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Khamano, Tehsil and District Fatehgarh Sahib.

The status report filed by way of affidavit of Jaspinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Circle Khamanon, District Fatehgarh Sahib on behalf of respondent-State, is taken on record.

Pursuant to the previous order the counsel for the State has produced before the court, on line, the copy of the policy adopted by the State for ensuring timely production of the witnesses before the criminal courts. As per the said policy, the District Level Committee has been

created to ensure the production of witnesses and production of the under trial persons as well.

The counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Daljeet Singh, has submitted that the delay in production of the witnesses in the present case has happened on account of Covid-19 pandemic situation. However, four witnesses have already been examined out of fourteen. The next date of hearing fixed before the trial court is 30.09.2021. Some of the witnesses have been summoned for the said date. The counsel has further submitted that the entire evidence of the prosecution shall be completed, by any means, by the end of October, 2021.

In view of the above, this court does not find it appropriate to interfere at this stage, so as to grant bail pending trial to the petitioner. Hence the present petition is dismissed.

17TH SEPTEMBER, 2021
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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>