

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

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CRM-M-21695-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28.06.2021

DARSHAN SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present : Mr. Kulwinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is the fourth petition for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.82, dated 30.06.2019, registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.

On 19.02.2021, the previous petition filed by the petitioner was dismissed with the following order:-

This is third petition for grant of bail pending trial in criminal case arising from FIR No.82 dated 30.06.2019 registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.

The previous petition filed by the petitioner was dismissed on 21.08.2020 with the following order:-

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner was arrested with 3500 tablets 'tarmosa' containing salt-Tramadol Hydrochloride. Thereafter, on the disclosure statement of the petitioner, another batch of 1000 tablets was recovered. The trial of the case has already commenced as the prosecution has recorded statements of 4 prosecution witnesses.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this court

is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

Learned counsel representing the State has informed the Court that trial had already commenced and four prosecution witnesses have already been examined. In view thereof, no ground to grant bail is made out.

Dismissed.

However, the learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial.

Learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that no significant progress has been made in the trial of the case.

Due to spread of covid-19 pandemic, the Courts have been functioning in restricted manner. Now, there is significant reduction in the number of Coovid-19 cases and the Courts are expected to resume normal working.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Bench is not inclined to grant of concession of bail.

Dismissed.

However, learned trial Court is requested to make a sincere endeavour for completion of the trial expeditiously.

All pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

28.06.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes / No

Whether reportable:

Yes / No