IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.31232 of 2021 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 12th AUGUST, 2021

Daniel Fedrick

…. 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. Arjun Veer Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

This is the third petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of bail pending trial to the petitioner in case FIR No.39 dated 10.08.2018 under Section 21 of NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 14 of Foreigners Act, 1946, registered at Police Station STF, Phase-IV, Mohali.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned State counsel has submitted that the entire prosecution evidence in the case has been completed. The case is at the final stage.

As response to this, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that not only the evidence has been completed, even the arguments have been heard by the Court below. However, since the year 2019, the trial Court is not passing a final order, may be because of

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prevalent COVID-19 situation. However, the petitioner is languishing in the jail.

In view of the same, this Court does not find any ground to interfere so as to grant bail pending trial to the petitioner.

However, the trial Court is directed to take a final decision on the trial; within a period of two months; from the next date fixed before the trial Court.

In view of above, the present petition is dismissed with the aforesaid observations.

12th AUGUST, 2021 **(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)**
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Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes* *No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes* *No*

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