

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

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CRM-M-28780-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.12.2021

Roop Singh @ Roopa

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

This is the third petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.60 dated 15.04.2017 lodged under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, "the NDPS Act") registered at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 22.01.2019 and there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future as an application under Section 311 Cr.P.C. has been moved for re-examination of 05 out of the 12 prosecution witnesses. A prayer has, therefore, been made to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Heard and perused the material on record.

Prima facie it is a case of heavy recovery of 490 grams of intoxicant powder which admittedly falls under the commercial

category. As per the instructions received by the learned State counsel, the petitioner is a man of criminal antecedents as he is involved in 7 other criminal cases including 2 cases under the NDPS Act. In the wake of his antecedents, this Court does not deem it appropriate to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

At this stage, a prayer has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner that in view of the long incarceration of the petitioner, the trial Court be directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same within a stipulated time.

The trial Court shall make efforts to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of five months from today.

09.12.2021

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No