

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

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**CRM No. 38402 of 2021 in/and
CRM-M No. 24857 of 2020
Date of decision : 7.12.2021**

Raghbir Singh @ Neeta

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Ms. Monita Mehta, Advocate, for the applicant/petitioner

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab

Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

CRM No. 38402 of 2021:

This is an application for placing on record the relevant document
i.e. Annexure P-7.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.

Document Annexure P-7 is taken on record.

CRM-M No. 24587 of 2020:

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439
Cr.P.C. for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No.112 dated 27.8.2019
registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
Act, 1985, at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur.

The status report filed by way of affidavit of Tejpal Singh, Deputy
Superintendent, Central Jail, Hoshiarpur is taken on record. The said report
shows that the petitioner is being regularly medically examined by the various
authorities including the Medical Colleges and has now been referred to PGI,

Chandigarh for further diagnosis and treatment. Hence, this Court does not find any substance in the argument of counsel for the petitioner that because of the medical condition, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail pending trial.

However, this Court finds substance in the argument of counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been in custody for more than two years and even now more than 50% of the prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. This is despite the fact that almost all the remaining witnesses are none other than the police officials. Hence, the prosecution deserves to be directed to complete its evidence within a time bound manner.

In view of the above, the present petition qua grant of bail is dismissed.

However, the prosecution is directed to complete its entire evidence within a period of next four months. The trial Court shall fix at least four dates within these four months, starting from the date next fixed before that Court.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

7.12.2021
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Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Reportable	:	Yes/No