

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

CRM-M-39743-2021
Date of decision 28.09.2021

Janta Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Janak Singh Bhinder, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Grewal, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Ritu Bahri, J. (oral)

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.265 dated 15.10.2019, under Section 22/61 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station, Lehra, District Sangrur.

Affidavit of custody dated 28.09.2021 filed by the Additional Superintendent, Central Prison, Patiala through email, is taken on record. As per this affidavit, petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 11 months and 11 days. He is not facing any other trial under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, informs that out of 16 prosecution witnesses, 04 have been examined so far. Now, the trial is fixed for 12.10.2021.

The petitioner is stated to be 74 years of age.

Heard.

Keeping in view the period of incarceration of the petitioner

and the fact that trial may still take some time for its conclusion, this court feels that there is no need to detain the petitioner any longer. Accordingly, this petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Sangrur.

28.09.2021
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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