IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-42363-2021
Date of Order: 13.10.2021

LAKHWINDER KAUR @ LAKHO **..Petitioner**

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB **..Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing as prayed by the learned counsel.

This is fourth petition for grant of regular bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.440, dated 05.11.2018, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Focal Point, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

The third petition for grant of bail was disposed of with the following order:-

> *"The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.*
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> *This is the third petition for grant of bail pending trial in a case criminal case arising from FIR No.440 dated 05.11.2018 registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985, Police Station, Focal Point, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.*
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> *As per the case of prosecution, the petitioner was apprehended with 500 g. of heroin. Two previous bail applications filed by the petitioner were dismissed as withdrawn on 26.03.2020 and 13.09.2020, respectively. Sh. RS Thind, DAG, Punjab, has submitted that the prosecution has proposed to record the deposition of 12 witnesses, however, 4 have already been given up whereas statements of 6 witnesses have already been recorded. He submits that deposition of only 2 more*

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> *prosecution witnesses is left to be recorded. He further informs the Curt that the petitioner does not have clean criminal antecedents as she is involved in one more criminal case under the NDPS Act, 1985.*
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> *Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, it is considered appropriate to request the learned trial Court to make sincere endeavour for the expeditious conclusion of the trial, preferably within a period of next four months.*
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> *With these observations, the petition is disposed of."*

The learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody for the duration of three years. It has been noticed that the State has filed the custody certificate which shows that the petitioner is also involved in another case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

However, the learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial and make sincere endeavour for concluding the same within a period of next three months.

With these observations, the petition is disposed of.

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

October 13, 2021 **(ANIL KSHETARPAL)**
Ay **JUDGE**

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

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