

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

211)

CRM-M-42749 of 2020

Date of Decision: 07.01.2021

Pancheel Mishra

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Bhupender Benniwal, AAG, Punjab

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

Case heard by video conferencing.

By this petition, filed under the provisions of Section 439 of the Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail', upon FIR no.354, dated 15.10.2017, having been registered at Police Station Sadar Nakodar, District Jalandhar (Rural), alleging therein the commission of an offence punishable under Section 22 of the NDPS Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for about 3 years and 4 months, with the trial still not concluded.

Upon query to the learned State counsel, he does not deny that fact and upon further query submits that as per the custody certificate with him, there is no other criminal case registered against the petitioner, but he submits that the trial has obviously been delayed due to the pandemic.

Be that as it may, looking at the custody period of the petitioner and the stage of trial, with no other criminal case registered against him, the present petition is allowed, with the petitioner ordered to be enlarged on bail, upon his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the

satisfaction of the learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

07.01.2021
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes
Whether reportable: No