

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

CRM-M-44210-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.01.2021

HARBHAJAN SINGH

.....Petitioner

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Multani, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.42, dated 19.06.2019, registered under Sections 22 and 29, of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

The earlier petitions filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail were dismissed as withdrawn on 09.09.2019. The learned counsel has failed to satisfy the Court qua any substantial change of circumstances subsequent to the withdrawal of the earlier petition under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C.

No ground is, therefore, made out for granting the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. Resultantly, the present petition is hereby dismissed. However, as the petitioners have been in custody since 19.06.2019 and only 2 out of 12 witnesses cited have been examined so far,

learned trial Court is directed to endeavour to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously preferably within six months from today.

January 11, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : *Yes /No*

Whether Reportable : *Yes/No*