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

(Through video conferencing)

**CRM-M No.44093 of 2019(O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.09.2021**

Rohit Kumar

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

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

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl., A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439

Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.63 dated 22.05.2019 registered
under Sections 15, 18 of the NDPS Act at Police Station
Maqsudan, District Jalandhar.

On 29.07.2021, following order was passed by the Co-
ordinate Bench:-

“Case taken up through video conferencing.

*Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner prays for
grant of an adjournment to address arguments.*

List on 27.09.2021.

Let status of the trial be called from the trial Court as to how many PWs have been examined, how many left to be examined and the time likely to be taken for conclusion of the trial.

29.07.2021

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**(H.S. MADAN)
JUDGE"**

In compliance of the said order, status report has been received from the Court of Sessions Judge, Jalandhar, wherein it has been stated that vide order dated 30.06.2021 passed in CRM-M No.22440 of 2021, directions have already been issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial and conclude the same on or before 31.12.2021. It was also observed that the Court would make best efforts to conclude the trial on or before 31.12.2021.

Learned State counsel submits that out of total 11 prosecution witnesses, 8 witnesses have already been examined. Today is the date fixed before the trial Court for remaining prosecution witnesses.

In all probability, some more witnesses must have been examined today.

Since as per status report, the Court has also showed its willingness to conclude the trial on or before 31.12.2021, therefore, no ground is made out to grant regular bail to the petitioner at this stage, however, if the trial is not concluded on

or before 31.12.2021, liberty is granted to the petitioner to approach this Court by way of filing fresh petition.

Disposed of accordingly.

September 27, 2021	(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
<i>Prince</i>	JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No