

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

(Sr. No. 224)

CRM-M No. 46612 of 2019

Date of decision : 27.08.2021

Manju Devi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.65 dated 17.03.2019 registered under Section 20 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Govt. Railway Police, district Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since in the petitioner's trial 3 out of 8 prosecution witnesses have already been examined, at this stage, he would be satisfied if the present petition is disposed of with issuance of directions to the State to produce all remaining prosecution witnesses before the Trial Court within three months from the date next fixed before the Trial Court.

The petitioner is a lady with no criminal antecedents. She is in custody for the last over two and half years and has a right to a speedy trial.

Her trial is nearly midway. Therefore, accepting the alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the State to produce all remaining 5 prosecution witnesses within three months from the next date fixed before the Trial Court with a further direction to the Trial Court to make all endeavours to dispose of the petitioner's trial within four months from the next date fixed before it.

In case the petitioner's trial is not disposed of in the afore period and the delay is not attributable to the petitioner, she would be at liberty to revive her prayer for grant of regular bail.

27.08.2021*sunil yadav***(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No