

CRM-M-1067 of 2022

Date of Decision: 22.08.2022

Harbans Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, A.A.G., Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 49, dated 10.03.2019, under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vide the order dated 29.01.2020 passed in CRM-M-19548-2019, the respondents were directed to expedite the trial and record the prosecution evidence within a period of 03 months.

He further submits that the prosecution evidence has not been recorded so far, which act is delaying the conclusion of the trial and therefore the petitioner be granted the concession of regular bail.

Keeping in view the order passed dated 15.03.2022, the status of the case has been received from the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana.

In the status report dated, 18.08.2022, it is mentioned that the prosecution evidence has already been closed and the case is fixed for the defence evidence and it is the accused, who is taking adjournments to produce defence witnesses, due to which the trial could not be concluded.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner will conclude his defence evidence within a period of one month from the next date of hearing.

Keeping in view the above, as the petitioner has undertaken to conclude the defence evidence within a period of one month from the next date of hearing, the trial court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of six weeks of concluding of the evidence by the accused.

The petition is accordingly disposed of.

August 22, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No