

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-2454-2021

Date of Decision: 20.7.2022

Satnam Singh alias Kaka

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. G.S.Dhillon, Advocate, Advocate for
Mr. Parminder Singh Rai, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.292 dated 31.7.2014 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 22, 61, 85 of NDPS Act at Police Station A-Division, District Amritsar.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and is in custody for the last more than 4 years. He made prayer that the petitioner is entitled to the grant of bail even on the basis of parity as co-accused Maninder Singh @ Munshi was granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 29.10.2020 passed in CRM-M-31574-2020 (Annexure P-2).

Present petition is opposed by the State counsel who produced custody certificate of the petitioner, as per which, total custody of the petitioner in the present case comes out to be more than 4 years, 3 months

and 13 days.

Admittedly, co-accused Maninder Singh @ Munshi who is also facing similar charges and who remained in custody for approximately 4 years and 2 months was granted regular bail vide order dated 29.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) on the basis of long incarceration as the trial may take some time to conclude. Thus, no useful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

July 20, 2022
Paritosh Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No