

CRM-M-7344 of 2021
Date of Decision:28.2.2022

Gurjinder Singh @ Ginda

---Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

---Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. For grant of bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 11 dated 11.1.2020 under Section 22/25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 24.07.2020. However, due to non-appearance of the prosecution witnesses, the prosecution evidence has not been able to commence. A prayer, therefore, has been made to release him on bail as there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future.

Learned State counsel, at the outset, while opposing the prayer made by counsel opposite, submits that the trial is likely to conclude in the near future as only one prosecution witness remains to be examined. He on further instructions submits that the next date before the trial court is 9.3.2022.

In these circumstances, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

At this stage, a request has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner that since the petitioner is in custody for more than one and a half years, the trial court be directed to expedite the trial.

Since the petitioner has been in custody for more than one and a half years, the trial court shall make earnest efforts to conclude the trial, preferably within a period of five months.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

28.2.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No