

CRM-M-5027-2022 (O&M)
Decided on 11.02.2022
(Heard through VC)

Gagandeep Verma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKURPresent:- Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A. S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

Through this third petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.53 dated 22.06.2019 registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Rajpura, District Patiala.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner would contend that in first two petitions, the petitioner was granted interim bail on account of that the trial was not proceeding due to COVID pandemic. It is further contended that out of 13 witnesses 03 stand examined and trial Court is likely to take some time to conclude. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 22nd June 2019.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, would contend that the petitioner herein has

been nominated as an accused from whom there is recovery of 2040 tablets of lomotil. It is also submitted that out of 13 prosecution witnesses, 3 have already been examined and the next date of hearing before the trial Court is 24.02.2022 and an endeavour be made to conclude the trial expeditiously.

In view of the statement given by the State counsel, this Court finds no ground to allow regular bail to the petitioner. However the instant petition stands disposed of with a direction to the trial court to conclude the matter expeditiously preferably before the period of three months keeping in view the fact that the FIR is of the year 2019.

In case, the trial Court is not concluded within time, it would be open to the petitioner to approach this Court once again.

Disposed of.

11.02.2022

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No