

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(221)

CRM-M-7737-2022

Date of Decision : February 28, 2022

Kuljinder Singh @ Kala

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
(keeping in view the advance copy given).

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No. 89 dated 19.05.2020 registered under Section 21/22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though, the charges have already been framed but still, the witnesses have not been examined and pendency of the said proceeding is causing prejudice to the petitioner. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is not pressing his petition for the grant of regular bail but he will be satisfied in case, a direction is issued to the trial Court to complete the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for respondent-State concedes that out of 11 witnesses, no witness has been examined but all efforts will be made to complete the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

The petitioner is not pressing his prayer for the grant of regular bail and the only prayer pressed is for directing the trial Court to complete the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing. Keeping in view the fact that the charges have already been framed, the trial Court is requested to make all endeavour to complete the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court.

The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

February 28, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No