

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(227)

CRM No. M-8177 of 2022
Date of Decision : 02.03.2022

Karamjeet Singh @ Karma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Paramjit Singh Sullar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 240 dated 19.10.2020, registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Nabha, District Patiala but he does not wish to press the said prayer at this stage. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in the present case, the challan was presented on 07.01.2021 and the charges were framed on 10.02.2021 and approximately one year has elapsed but the trial has not proceeded any further and, therefore, an appropriate order may kindly be passed directing the trial Court to conclude the trial preferably within a period of six months.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, 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-UT, Chandigarh.

Learned State counsel raises no objection in case, any direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner has not pressed the petition for the grant of regular bail. As the charges were framed against the petitioner in February, 2021 and one year has already elapsed and no witness has been examined, which is causing prejudice to the petitioner as he is suffering incarceration, the trial Court is directed that all the efforts be made to complete the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing in case there is no impediment. .

Petition is disposed of in above terms.

March 02, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No