

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-21024-2021
Decided on : 25.04.2022

Mamta Rani

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Akhilesh Vyas, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.(Oral)

This is the third petition filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for releasing the petitioner on bail in case FIR No.91 dated 17.09.2019 under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Sadar Rajpura, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has failed to place on record any order of the trial Court in compliance of order dated 17.01.2022 vide which the concession of interim bail was extended beyond seven weeks.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jaswant Singh has submitted that there was no order of the trial Court on record extending the concession of interim bail as had been urged by the counsel for the petitioner on the last date of hearing.

Admittedly, the petitioner has misused the concession of interim bail granted to her by the trial Court vide order dated 02.09.2021. This Court, therefore, in the wake of her antecedents, does not deem it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner, more so, since evidence is still underway.

Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

At this stage, a prayer has been made by the learned counsel for the petitioner for issuance of directions to the trial court for expeditious conclusion of the trial as the petitioner has been in custody for more than 2 years and 5 months.

In the wake of the long period of incarceration of the petitioner, the trial Court is directed to endeavour to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of four months from today.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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