

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

(Sr. No. 208)

CRM-M No. 27353 of 2021

Date of decision : 10.10.2022

Baldev Singh @ Ravi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay K. Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No. 272 dated 16.11.2018 registered under Sections 21, 25, 27(A) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short - the NDPS Act) at Police Station Moti Nagar, district Ludhiana.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he does not press the present petition on its merits and would be satisfied if the same is disposed of with a direction to the Trial Court to finally decide the petitioner's trial in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel submits that he has no objection if the above alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is accepted.

On one hand the petitioner's trial is at its fag end; he is in custody for the last over 03 years and 10 months and that every undertrial

has a right to speedy trial whereas on the other hand the petitioner is involved in two cases under the NDPS Act and that in the present case the allegations against the petitioner are with regard to recovery of 01 Kg. heroin.

After considering the above, the alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is found to be reasonable and accepted. Resultantly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Trial Court to finally decide the petitioner's trial within two months from the next date fixed before it, in accordance with law.

10.10.2022*sunil yadav***(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No