

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

CRM-M-37975-2021

Date of decision: 18.02.2022

Sukhdev Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. A.S.Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner
 Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The hearing of the case is being held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is the petitioner's third attempt to get bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.06, dated 16.11.2018, registered under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station – State Special Operations Cell, SAS Nagar, Mohali, District Mohali.

Two previous petitions filed by the petitioner have been dismissed on 12.10.2020 and 03.03.2021 respectively. As per the case of the prosecution, 10 kg opium was recovered from the petitioner alongwith the other accused. Learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of nearly 3 years, therefore, he should be granted concession of bail.

Per contra, learned counsel representing State has submitted that the prosecution has already examined 11 prosecution witnesses out

of total 21 proposed to be examined. He further informs the Court that the case is now fixed for 22.03.2022 before the trial court, for recording the evidence of the remaining witnesses.

It is evident that the trial of the case has already made substantial progress.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Bench is not inclined to grant concession of bail to the petitioner. However, learned trial court is requested to make sincere endeavour for expeditious conclusion of the trial, preferably within a period of four months.

Dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE