

CRM-M-30844-2020

Date of Decision: 03.02.2022

Javed Ahmad Loan

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, A.A.G, Punjab.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Case heard via video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under the provisions of Section 439 of the Cr.P.C., for grant of 'regular bail' to the petitioner in case FIR No. 43, dated 05.07.2019, registered at Police Station Purana Shalla, District Gurdaspur, for the alleged commission of offences punishable under the provisions of Sections 15/29 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner today submits that the petitioner now having been in custody more than 2½ years with the trial still not having been concluded, he deserves the concession of at least interim bail on that ground alone.

Whereas otherwise learned counsel would be correct in his contention, however learned State counsel submits that out of 18 prosecution witnesses, 17 already stand examined and with the next date of hearing before the trial court being 09.02.2022.

In view of the above, I see no ground to entertain this petition at this stage, which is consequently, dismissed.

However, the trial court shall endeavor to ensure that the trial is concluded at the very earliest and if evidence is being recorded in Sessions Division, Gurdaspur, during the time of this pandemic, then any prosecution witness who does not appear, shall be proceeded against appropriately, even through the SSP concerned.

February 03, 2022
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes
No.