

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

CRM-M No.41290 of 2022

Date of decision: 14th September, 2022

Amrik Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Damanjit S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

This is sixth petition of the petitioner Amrik Singh under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case bearing FIR No.72 dated 09.04.2019 under Sections 21/29/61 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Islamabad, District Amritsar.

Learned State counsel at the outset, on instructions from ASI Heera Singh, has apprised the Court that only formal witnesses remain to be examined, hence the trial will not take much time to conclude. It has also been submitted that the petitioner is involved in three other criminal cases though not under the NDPS Act.

In view of the stand of the learned State counsel and the antecedents of the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant

concession of bail to the petitioner. The petition as such stands dismissed.

However, in the wake of the long incarceration of the petitioner, who has been in custody since 09.04.2019, the trial Court shall make earnest efforts to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months from the date of this order.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

September 14, 2022

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