

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

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CRM-M-44391-2022

Date of Decision: September 29, 2022

Balkar Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr.P.S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner(s)

Mr. Virat Rana, AAG, Punjab

ANOOP CHITKARA J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.147 dated 22.08.2019, registered at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala, under Sections 22, 29 of NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for 03 years and 02 months and trial is not at all progressing. He further submits that instead of arguing the bail on merits, he would be contented and satisfied in case direction is issued to trial Court to conclude the trial within three months.

Given the custody already undergone by the petitioner, the prayer is innocuous.

The present petition is disposed of with directions to the trial Court to expedite the trial and conclude the same on or before 31.01.2023.

It is clarified that the parties shall not seek any adjournment and in case they do so, the upper time limit is extended by the time sought by the either of the party.

**(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE**

September 29, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	No