

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

CRM-M-54353-2021

Date of Decision : 06.09.2022

Bittu Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present : Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab.

PANKAJ JAIN, J(ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.45, dated 26.05.2021, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added lateron), at Police Station Sadar Rampura, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

As per the custody certificate produced, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year 03 months and 05 days. It is a case wherein recovery of commercial quantity of contraband has been alleged to be effected.

Learned State counsel submits that the trial is at the fag end as 10 out of 13 cited prosecution witnesses have already been examined.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is not in a position to dispute the said fact. However, he prays that keeping in view the long incarceration suffered by the petitioner, the trial Court be directed to expedite the trial.

Finding it to be a fair request on behalf of learned counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is dismissed as not pressed at this stage. However, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and to conclude it preferably within three months from today.

06.09.2022
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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No