

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

210-CRM-M-57602-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 15.12.2022

Meeti Ram @ Miti

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Shivender, Advocate for
Mr. BS Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner

Sandeep Moudgil, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.99 dated 15.05.2022 under Sections 15/18/21/22 (Section 29 & 27A added later on) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City South Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and the only allegation coming forth qua him is with regard to the providing of finance and logistics. He also submits that the other co-accused namely, Jayant Kumar @ Janta Kabadia, Rakesh Mangla @ Rakesh Kumar @ Soni and Rani have been granted interim bail by this Court in CRM-M-43521, 45697, 46751-2022 which are now listed for 20.02.2023.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG Punjab accepts notice and has filed custody certificate which is taken on record. A perusal of the same shows that the petitioner is behind the bars for the last 6 months 14 days. He submits that various other cases under the Excise Act are

registered against the petitioner and he is involved in another case of NDPS Act i.e. FIR No.187 dated 06.08.2021 under Section 21/61/85 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Moga, wherein he is on bail.

In view of the fact that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and neither any custodial interrogation is required and looking at the totality of facts and circumstances and in view of the fact that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take long time and, that no fruitful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The present petition is, therefore, allowed.

15.12.2022

V.Vishal

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Sandeep Moudgil)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No