

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-1337-2023 (O&M)
Date of Order: 13.07.2023

TEJPAL SHARMA @ TEJU

.Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Akshay Jain, Advocate
Mr. Deepak Jain, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Jaspal Singh Pannu, AAG, Haryana.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J

This is the petitioner's 5th attempt to get the bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.07, dated 21.01.2020, registered under Section 17 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Odhan, District Sirsa, Haryana.

As per the case of the prosecution, when the police team went for routine checking, two cars were suspiciously found parked on a Canal Bridge near Ashram of Dera Sacha Sauda. On search, 6.500 Kg opium was allegedly recovered from a black coloured polythene bag held in the hand by Gauri Shankar @ Gauri.

The learned counsel representing the State of Haryana has submitted that the prosecution has already concluded recording of its evidence and even statements of the accused under Section 313 Cr.P.C. have been recorded and now the case is fixed for 25.07.2023 for defence evidence.

The learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to bail on account of long custody of more than 3 years,

the petitioner was not in conscious possession of the contraband and two co-accused have already been granted concession of bail. He further submits that a bail application of yet another co-accused is listed before another Bench for today itself.

This court has considered the submissions.

The trial of the case is at the fag end. At this stage, it would not be appropriate to consider the request for grant of bail to the petitioner particularly when the trial of the case can be concluded in an expeditious manner.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, at this stage. However, the trial court is requested to make sincere endeavour for conclusion of the trial within a period of next two months, from today.

Disposed of.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

July 13, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:YES/NO
Whether reportable	:YES/NO