

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

CRM-M-6368-2023

DECIDED ON: 10.02.2023

HARPREET SINGH @ GANJA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Mr. N.S. Dandiwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Addl. AG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

This is a petition seeking regular bail in FIR No. 99 dated 15.05.2022, under Sections 15, 18, 21, 22, 29, 61 of the NDPS Act, 1985 and (Section 27A added later on), registered at Police Station City South Moga, District Moga (Annexure P-1).

The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is urged that the co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Jayant Kumar @ Janta Kabadia, Rakesh Mangla @ Rakesh Kumar @ Soni, Rani and Babli have been granted anticipatory bail vide orders dated 13.12.2022 (Annexure P-4) and 16.12.2022 (Annexure P-5) passed in CRM-M-43521-2022, CRM-M-45697-2022, CRM-M-46751-2022 & CRM-M-57686-2022 respectively.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record. According to the custody certificate, the

petitioner is behind the bars for the last 8 months and 21 days.

Keeping in view the totality of the facts and circumstances, since the conclusion of the trial is likely to take sufficient time and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars, the prayer made in this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The present petition is, hereby, allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

10.02.2023

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>