

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 215

CRM-M-7252-2022

Date of decision : 17.01.2023

Balwinder Singh @ Khundri

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.D.S.Virk, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.A.P.S.Tung, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.98 dated 02.07.2020 registered under Sections 15 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Bahav Wala, District Fazilka.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied if the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Trial Court to expeditiously dispose of the petitioner's trial.

Since the petitioner is in custody for the last 2½ years; 24 prosecution witnesses still remain to be examined in the petitioner's trial; the petitioner is a habitual offender having been convicted in 12 criminal cases and because every under-trial has a right to a speedy trial, the above alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is accepted.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Trial Court to dispose of the petitioner's trial within ten months from the next date fixed before it, in accordance with law.

17.01.2023

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[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes / No

Whether reportable

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Yes / No