

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.201

CRM-M-14025-2023

Date of decision: 11.09.2023

Manjeet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Impinder Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh Pandher, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.227 dated 24.08.2021 registered under Section 22(c) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station City Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

(2) Since only 02 prosecution witnesses in the petitioner's trial remain to be examined before the Trial Court, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage he does not press the present petition on its merits and that he would be satisfied if the same is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally decide the petitioner's trial in a time bound manner.

(3) Learned State counsel submits that he has no objection if the above alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is accepted.

(4) Since the petitioner is in custody for the last over 02 years; the

petitioner's trial is virtually over; every undertrial has a right to a speedy trial; a direction to adjudicate upon a *lis* expeditiously prejudices none and that the learned State counsel has no objection to the acceptance of the petitioner's afore alternate prayer, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally adjudicate upon the petitioner's trial within two months from the next date fixed before it, in accordance with law.

September 11, 2023
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(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No