

2023:PHHC:043718

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

CRM-M-13228-2023

Date of decision: 22.03.2023

Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Manvinder Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. J.S.Pannu, AAG, Haryana

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

1. This is the petitioner's 5th attempt to get bail, during the pendency of the trial, in a criminal case arising from FIR No. 289, dated 21.11.2019 registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Kalanwali, Sirsa.

2. Learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that since the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of 2 years and 5 months, therefore, a direction should be issued to the Special Court to conclude that trial expeditiously.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has produced the custody certificate of the petitioner and a perusal thereof shows that the petitioner is a previous convict under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

4. In any case, the expeditious conclusion of trial is necessary to dispense justice to the accused. In these circumstances, the Special

Court is requested to make sincere endeavours for expeditious conclusion of the trial, preferably, within a period of next six months, from today, positively.

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

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE