

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

(209)

CRM-M-13509-2023

Date of Decision : May 09, 2023

Harpreet Singh @ Harpreet Singh Batth @ Happy .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab**.. Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Lakhvir Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Parmjit Batta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No.104 dated 24.10.2020 registered under Sections 22 (c), 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Daba, District Ludhiana.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Paramjit Batta, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. At the outset, learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that out of 11 cited witnesses, 7 have been examined and rest have already been summoned for 11.05.2023 and the trial is likely to be concluded

shortly.

5. Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition for the grant of regular bail may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed but the trial Court be directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of three months from the next date of hearing even if the said purpose is to be achieved by giving short adjournments and ensuring the presence of the witnesses concerned. The official witnesses are directed to remain present in the Court for their testimony and in case of failure, serious view will be taken including the initiation of the departmental proceedings.

7. The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

May 09, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No