

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

CRM-M No.17383 of 2022

Date of decision: 23rd January, 2023

Shinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanish Girdhar, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

This is second petition of the petitioner filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case bearing FIR No.0079 dated 20.06.2019 under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (hereinafter referred to as, 'the NDPS Act') registered at Police Station Kot Ise Khan, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has now been in custody since 20.06.2019 for allegedly being found in possession of 270 grams of Tramadol. Learned counsel submits that there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future and hence, seeing his long incarceration, the petitioner be extended the concession of bail.

Per contra, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jagvir Singh, has opposed the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite. On further instructions, he has apprised this Court that the petitioner is involved in as many as 18 other cases under the NDPS Act. It has also been submitted that the trial will not take much time to conclude as only seven out of nine prosecution witnesses remain to be examined.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

In view of the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail to him. The petition as such stands dismissed.

At this stage, a prayer has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner for issuance of directions to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

The trial Court shall make earnest efforts to conclude the trial expeditiously.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 23, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No