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

**Date of Decision: 06.07.2023**

1. CRM-M-17998-2022

**Gurpreet Singh**

**.. Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**..Respondent**

2. CRM-M-18665-2022

**Sukhdev Singh @ Shammi**

**.. Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**..Respondent**

**AND**

3. CRM-M-3149-2023

**Happy Singh**

**.. Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**..Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. Sandeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner  
in CRM-M-17998-2022.

Mr. Satnam Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioner  
in CRM-M-18665-2022.

Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner  
in CRM-M-3149-2023.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

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**Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)**

Petitioners have filed the above petitions separately for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C, pending trial in case FIR No.220 dated 09.11.2019, registered under Sections 21/22/25/29 NDPS Act, at Police Station Dhanaula, District Barnala. The petitioners are in custody since their arrest on 09.11.2019.

As per prosecution, accused Gurpreet Singh, Sukhdev Singh @ Shammi and Happy Singh were apprehended with conscious possession of 500 grams, 280 grams and 320 grams of heroin, respectively who were travelling together in Swift Car bearing No.PB-13-AW-2820, which was intercepted by the police.

Learned counsel for the petitioners have argued that the petitioners are in custody for a long period and except for the present case, petitioners Sukhdev Singh @ Shammi and Happy Singh are not involved in any other case, whereas petitioner Gurpreet Singh is involved in one more case of similar nature. According to him, charges were framed on 08.01.2021 and out of total twenty three prosecution witnesses, four witnesses have been examined in-chief and seven witnesses have been given up. He prays for bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Balwinder Singh, opposes the prayer on the ground that the recovered quantity of contraband from petitioners falls under commercial quantity. He, on instructions states that fourteen witnesses remain to be examined and now the case is fixed before the trial Court for recording prosecution witnesses on 14.07.2023.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the case set up by the prosecution, which shows that the accused persons were independently possessing commercial quantity of heroin and collectively it comes to 1.1 kilo grams, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of regular bail to them in view of the seriousness and gravity of the offence. Apart from it, the trial also seems to be at an advanced stage and is likely to conclude in the near future.

Thus, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, the petitions are dismissed. However, the trial Court is requested to

make an endeavour to expedite and conclude the trial, preferably within six months.

Dismissed.

06.07.2023  
*Jasmine Kaur*

(MANOJ BAJAJ)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes | No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes | No |