

217-a IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Neutral Citation No. 2023:PHHC:093757
CRM-M-19215-2022
Date of Decision: July 25, 2023

Manga Singh @ Meeta

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

Petitioner is praying for regular bail in case FIR No.53, dated 05.05.2021, registered at Police Station Khuain Sarwar, District Fazilka, under Sections 15, 22(c) of the NDPS Act, 1985 (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added later on).

As per allegations, 25,500 intoxicant tablets, containing Tramadol Hydrochloride and 8 Kgs. of poppy husk were recovered from the possession of the petitioner. The recovered quantity falls in the commercial category.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated and despite framing of the charges in August, 2021, only two witnesses have been examined till date.

Learned State counsel has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner, revealing that petitioner is in custody for the last 2 years, 2 months and 13 days, with no criminal antecedent.

Learned State counsel has also informed that charges were framed on 12.08.2021 and out of 14 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only two have been examined so far and one has been given up.

Having regard to the snail’s pace, with which the trial is going on, its unlikely that trial will conclude soon in near future.

Considering the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything upon the merits of the case, the petitioner is admitted to regular bail and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court concerned.

Allowed.

July 25, 2023
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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