

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.18777 of 2023
Date of decision: 18th August, 2023

Raman Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Gurpal S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.74 dated 23.06.2020 under Sections 22, 25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Sadar Moga, District Moga. This is fourth petition filed by the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.06.2020 for being allegedly found in possession of 9200 tablets of Tramadol. He submits that the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future and hence, in the circumstances, the petitioner be extended the concession of bail.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite, on instructions, has

informed the Court that only two prosecution witnesses remain to be examined and hence, trial shall not take much time to conclude.

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

5. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, since trial is nearing conclusion, this Court does not deem it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. The petition as such is dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

6. At this stage, a prayer has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner that in view of the long incarceration of the petitioner, the trial Court be directed to expedite the trial.

7. The trial Court shall make earnest efforts to conclude the trial expeditiously, preferably within a period of next three months from today.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 18, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No