

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

(204)

CRM-M-19106-2023

Date of Decision : May 16, 2023

Paramjit Singh @ Pamma

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Ms. Nisha Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, 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.256 dated 21.08.2020 registered under Sections 21 and 61 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Tripri, District Patiala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail but the petitioner will be satisfied in case the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner especially in view of the fact that FIR was registered on 21.08.2020 and the petitioner is behind bars for the last more than two years and seven months.

3. Notice of motion.

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

4. Learned counsel for the respondent-State does not object to the prayer of the passing order requesting the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

5. Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that as per the information supplied to him, there are 12 cited witnesses, out of whom, 4 witnesses have already been examined and 8 witnesses are yet to be examined.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, as the petitioner is behind the bars for the last more than two years and seven months and 8 witnesses are yet to be examined, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and make all endeavour to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing even if the said purpose is to be achieved by giving short adjournments and enforcing the provisions of law so as to secure the presence of the official witnesses.

8. It may be noticed that in case any of the official witness is not presenting himself/herself for the testimony despite summoned, the said failure on the part of the witness concerned be brought to the notice of the higher authorities so as to take appropriate action even on the administrative side.

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

May 16, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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