

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

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CRM-M-26863-2023

Date of Decision :31.05.2023

Ram Lal**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Paramveer Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No.076 dated 20.07.2021 under Sections 22 and 61 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Chamkaur Sahib, District Rupnagar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since July, 2021 and as the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, the petitioner may kindly be granted benefit of regular bail.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI, Avtar Singh submits that out of the total 12 cited witnesses, 09 witnesses have already been examined and the next date of hearing is 02.06.2023 and trial is likely to be concluded in near future.

4. Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner

submits that the present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer further prejudice due to the incarceration.

5. Keeping in view the fact and circumstances recorded hereinbefore, as out of the total 12 cited witnesses, 09 witnesses have already been examined, the present petition is disposed of having been not pressed any further but trial Court is directed to make all the efforts to conclude the trial Court within a period of three months from the next date of hearing even if, the said purpose is to be achieved by giving short adjournments.

6. It may be noticed that respondent-State has undertaken that official witnesses will appear on the date when they are summoned without fail.

May 31, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No