

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

(Sr. No. 213)

CRM-M No. 23073 of 2022

Date of decision : 12.04.2023

Harminder Singh @ Sonu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.P.S. Tung, DAG, Punjab.

* * *

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.84 dated 17.06.2021 registered under Sections 21/29 of the NDPS Act (Sections 473/420 IPC added later on) at Police Station Special Task Force, Mohali Ludhiana Range, Local Police Station Sadar Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

After arguing the matter for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage he does not press the present petition on its merits and that he would be satisfied if the same is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally decide the petitioner's trial in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel submits that he has no objection if the above alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is accepted.

For the reason that every undertrial has a right to a speedy trial;

a direction to adjudicate upon a *lis* expeditiously prejudices none; the learned State counsel has no objection to the acceptance of the petitioner's alternate prayer and because the petitioner is in custody for the last over 01 year and 10 months, the afore alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is accepted. Resultantly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally decide the petitioner's trial within 01 year from the next date fixed before it, in accordance with law.

12.04.2023*sunil yadav***(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No