

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

2023:PHHC:050151

CRM-M-29587-2021

Date of Decision: 11.04.2023

(207/A)

Sukhwinder Singh @ Kala

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ.

Present:- Mr. V.K. Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ.J (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C praying for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.167 dated 19.9.2019 registered under sections 21, 25, 27-A of NDPS Act and Section 25 of Arms Act (sections 379, 411 IPC were added later on) at Police Station, Ajnala, District Amritsar.

Vide order dated 20.2.2023 learned Trial Court was directed to send the report. The same has been received in the connected case i.e. CRM-M-358-2021.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is behind bars for the last more than 3 ½ years.

A perusal of the report would show that all the prosecution witnesses stand examined by the Trial Court and the case is fixed for examination of the defence witnesses for 20.4.2023.

Learned State counsel has also affirmed the above position.

Keeping in view the stage of the trial, this court does not find it appropriate to go into the merits of the petition, however, keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner, learned Trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of 3 months from today.

Disposed of in the above terms.

**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

11.04.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No