

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

**CRM-M-25888-2023 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

Pritpal Singh @ Mani

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN**

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Iqbal Singh Mann, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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**AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)**

1. This second petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. has been filed for grant of regular bail in case of FIR No. 54 dated 16.4.2018 under Sections 21, 22 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at P.S. Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

2. In the earlier petition, the following order was passed:-

*“The present petition is filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 54 dated 16.04.2018, under Sections 21, 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.*

*Counsel for the State, on instructions submits that the prosecution evidence has been concluded and the matter is fixed for defence evidence for 26.07.2022.*

*One of the main ground for seeking regular bail was the custody period and the fact that the trial was not proceeding at a decent pace.*

*In view of the statement made by the State counsel, petition is disposed of, at this stage.*

*There is no doubt that in case, request is made before the trial Court for accommodating the date for an expeditious conclusion of the trial, the same would be considered in accordance with law.”*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since July, 2022 the matter is fixed for defence evidence.
4. However, there is nothing on record to show that as to whom the delay is attributable, consequently no case is made out for grant of bail. However, the petitioner shall be at liberty to approach the Court concerned for expeditious disposal of the trial and there is no doubt that if such a request is made, the same be considered sympathetically in view of the custody period of the petitioner and in accordance with law.
5. Petition is disposed of.
6. Since the main case has been disposed of, the pending application(s), if any is rendered infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)  
JUDGE

26<sup>th</sup> May, 2023  
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| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |