

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

**CRM-M-28219-2023
Decided on:09.11.2023**

Jagjit Singh @ Jeet

.....petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL. J (ORAL)

This is the petitioner's fifth attempt to get bail during the pendency of the criminal case arising from FIR No.184 dated 18.10.2019, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Jhunir, District Mansa.

As per the case of the prosecution 850 tablets of Alpac-0.5 containing Alprazolam salt were recovered from the petitioner.

While disposing of the petitioner's second as well as third bail application, the trial Court was requested to make sincere endeavours for the conclusion of the trial. While disposing of 4th bail application, this court directed the special Court to record the deposition of the remaining witnesses positively within the specified period. This order was passed on 08.02.2023.

It has been brought to the notice of this Court that Lalli Singh has been nominated as an additional accused in the same case and thereafter fresh trial has begun. Further brought to the notice of this Court that as of now

deposition of only two prosecution witnesses has been recorded.

As per custody certificate, the petitioner has suffered incarceration for a period of 03 years and 08 months. Though the petitioner is a previous convict for recovery of 200 tablets, however, he has already completed his sentence of one year.

The conclusion of trial is likely to take time.

In the considered view of this Court, at this stage, it will not be appropriate to keep the petitioner in custody.

Keeping in view of the aforesaid facts, the petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to his furnishing bail-bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Disposed of.

09.11.2023

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

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE