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

CRM-M-34065-2022

Date of Decision: 17.03.2023

SUKHWINDER SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Karandeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is second petition that has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.99, dated 28.07.2021, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Shambu, District Patiala.

Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, while praying for grant of regular bail, would contend that FSL report does not contain the batch number. Whereas learned State counsel would submit that the trial is at the fag end, as out of 10 witnesses cited, 3 witnesses have been examined and the next date of hearing is 24.03.2023, and an endeavour will be made to conclude the trial expeditiously. Short reply filed by way of an affidavit dated 24.02.2023 of Raghbir Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Circle Ghanaur, District Patiala, on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab, is taken on record.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and taken note of the prayer made for grant of regular bail.

The petitioner herein has been nominated as an accused with an alleged recovery of 33000 tablets. Without going into the question at the present moment whether or not the petitioner herein is entitled to regular bail only on the ground that the batch number does not find mention in the FSL report, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the hearing expeditiously, preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

The present petition is disposed of accordingly.

The trial Court would decide the matter on the merits of the case without reference to any observations made hereunder.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

17.03.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No