

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

**CRM-M-34258-2022
DECIDED ON: 28th MARCH, 2023**

VISHAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Mr. F.S. Virk, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Chaudhary, AAG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

The jurisdiction of this Court under Section 439 Cr.P.C., has been invoked for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 19, dated 02.02.2021, under Sections 18 and 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Shambu, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been roped in the present case on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused namely Kuldeep Singh and no recovery has been effected from the possession of the petitioner. It is asserted that the co-accused namely Kuldeep Singh from whom the recovery has been effected, has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order 04.02.2022 passed in CRM-M-46457-2021.

Custody certificate of the petitioner filed by learned State counsel is

taken on record. According to which, the petitioner has undergone the custody for a period of 1 year 8 months and 20 days as of now. He opposes the prayer made in the present petition on the ground that the petitioner is involved in other cases also.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in other cases either the petitioner is on bail or has been acquitted, as is evident from the custody certificate.

Considering the custody period undergone by the petitioner and the fact that the co-accused of the petitioner namely Kuldeep Singh from whom the recovery was effected has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court added with the facts that challan stands presented wherein conclusion of trial shall take sufficient long time, this Court is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

The petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The present petition stands allowed in the afore-said terms.

28th MARCH, 2023
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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>