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

CRM-M-33915-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.05.2023

HARI OM

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Lavanya Gupta, Advocate for
Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipin Pal Yadav, Addl. A.G, Punjab.

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Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has prayed for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C, pending trial in case FIR No.11 dated 24.02.2019 registered under Sections 15/25/29 NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Balachaur, District SBS Nagar. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 18.09.2019.

As per the prosecution case, on 24.02.2019, when the Police party was going towards Bhaddi on patrol duty from Balachaur, one truck (Tata-407) bearing No.PB-11-CQ-0286 was seen parked near T-point Raju Majra and no one was present in the said truck. When the search was conducted, 24 polythene bags containing 5 quintal, 33 kilo and 300 grams of poppy husk were recovered from the said vehicle. Later, it was found that the petitioner Hari Om is the owner of the truck.

At the very outset, learned State counsel on instruction from ASI Sandeep Singh has stated that in all, there are twenty nine prosecution witnesses and so far, seventeen witnesses have been examined and the case

is now coming up before the trial Court for recording prosecution witnesses on 13.07.2023.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner does not press this petition, but prays for a direction for expediting the trial, as the petitioner is in custody for a long period.

In view of above limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the main petition is dismissed as withdrawn, however, it is ordered that the trial be expedited and concluded, preferably upto 30.09.2023.

25.05.2023
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No