

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

(214)

CRM-M-33903-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision : July 21, 2023

Arun Kumar alias Anu**.. Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.. Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**CRM-28847-2023**

As prayed for, the application is allowed.

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1. Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No.76 dated 25.06.2020 registered under Section 21, 29 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Special Task Force, Phase 4, Mohali, District SAS Nagar.

2. After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner does not wish to press his claim qua the grant of regular bail but keeping in view the status of the trial as the petitioner is suffering incarceration for the last more than three years, the trial Court be

directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration during the trial.

3. Learned State counsel submits that he has no objection in case any such direction is given as out of total 16 witnesses, 10 have already been examined.

4. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has already undergone three years of incarceration, the trial Court is requested to conclude the trial by adopting all possible manner within a period of six months from the next date of hearing.

5. It may be noticed that even if the official witnesses are to be summoned by passing coercive orders, the said method be adopted so as to conclude the trial within time frame given.

6. In case, any of the witness does not appear despite the issuance ofailable or non-ailable warrants, report be given to the police authorities to take appropriate disciplinary action for violating the order passed by the Court.

7. The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

July 21, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No