

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

(201)

CRM-M-35199-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision : July 28, 2023

Navjot Singh alias Jyoti

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

CRM-29885-2023

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.183 dated 03.08.2018 registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Khanna.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner does not wish to press his prayer for the grant of regular bail but the trial Court be directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner as the same relates to the FIR of August, 2018 and five years have already passed.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Charanpreet Singh, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

5. Learned State counsel raises no objection in case the direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the trial is pending for the last five years, the trial Court is directed to make all efforts to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing, even if the said purpose is to be achieved by giving short adjournments and by passing appropriate order seeking the attendance of the concerned witnesses.

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

**July 28, 2023**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

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