

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(203)

CRM-M-38556-2023

Date of Decision : September 04, 2023

Jaswant Singh alias Laddu

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Rajat Dogra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 22 dated 24.03.2021, registered under Section 22 (C) of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Smalsar, District Moga.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the prayer of the petitioner is for the grant of regular bail but the petitioner will be satisfied, in case, a direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer any indefinite incarceration.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Gurpreet Singh, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

5. Learned counsel for respondent-State submits that the next date of hearing before the trial Court is 11.09.2023 for which the official witnesses have already been summoned and all the official witnesses will be present on the said date for their testimony without any fail.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

7. Keeping in view the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing. In case, any of the official witness is not present on the next date of hearing, due information should be given to the higher authorities for taking appropriate disciplinary action against the said official witnesses for violating the undertaking given by the learned State counsel. Further, in case all the witnesses are present, the trial Court is directed to make all the efforts to record their testimony either on the next date of hearing or within a short span of time so that the trial is concluded within a period of six months as directed by this Court.

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

September 04, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No