

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

(Sr. No. 210)

CRM-M No. 41465 of 2022

Date of decision : 16.02.2023

Raj Kumar @ Hardeep Singh @ Mithu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Luthra, DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.60 dated 01.04.2014 registered under Sections 21,22 and 29 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar Rural.

After arguing the matter for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage he does not press the present petition on its merits and he would be satisfied if the same is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally decide the petitioner's trial in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel submits that he has no objection if the above alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is accepted.

For the reason that every undertrial has a right to a speedy trial and because the petitioner is in custody for the last over 09 months and 25

days as also because only five prosecution witnesses remain to be examined in the petitioner's trial, the afore alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner is found to be reasonable and accepted. Resultantly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally decide the petitioner's trial within four months from the next date fixed before it, in accordance with law.

16.02.2023

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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No