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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(204)

CRM-M-39565-2023

Date of Decision : September 04, 2023

Binder Kaur @ Vindar Kaur

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, 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. 123, dated 07.06.2020, registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa, Punjab.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the prayer of the petitioner in the present petition is for the grant of regular bail but the petitioner will be satisfied, in case, a direction is issued to the trial Court to complete the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is behind bars for the last more than three years, hence, respondents are under obligation to conclude the trial.

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

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of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and raises no objection for the grant of prayer as made by the petitioner.

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

6. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is already behind bars for the last more than three years, 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 does not appear for his/her testimony on the next date of hearing, the trial Court will be within its jurisdiction to pass coercive orders for ensuring the same. In case, any of the official witness does not appear on the date summoned, the trial Court will inform the higher authorities for taking appropriate necessary action against the said witnesses.

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

September 04, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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