

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

(203)

CRM-M-40346-2023

Date of Decision : October 09, 2023

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.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Baljinder Singh Singhvi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

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.142 dated 19.07.2021 registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar, Kapurthala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is behind the bars for the last more than two years and the trial is yet to be concluded, hence, he is suffering prejudice. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied in case a time bound direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial so that petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration as well as prejudice.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Gurpreet Singh, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the

respondent-State.

5. Learned State counsel, on the instructions from the ASI Malkit Singh, submits that out of total 12 cited witnesses, 9 witnesses have already been examined and three witnesses have been called for examination on 13.10.2023, hence, the trial will be concluded within the time frame as fixed by this Court.

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

7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case that petitioner is behind the bars for the last more than two years, the trial Court is directed to make all endeavour to conclude the trial within a period of three months from the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court.

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

October 09, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No