

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.204

CRM-M-42077-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision : 19.01.2023

Manpreet Singh @ Kali

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. A.K. Khunger, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. G.S. Dhillon, AAG, Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0134 dated 10.07.2022, registered at Police Station Kotbhai, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, under Section 22(c) of the NDPS, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has undergone actual custody in excess of 06 months. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as examination of PWs has not yet commenced. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 17.01.2023 checked by Sh. Varun Sharma, Jail Superintendent, District Jail Muktsar, has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 06 months and 08 days.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI-Hardeep Singh concedes that the examination of PWs has not yet commenced. On a question put to him, he submits that recovery made from the petitioner was

Keeping in view the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date and that recovery of non-commercial quantity of contraband was made from the petitioner as well as the period of custody undergone by him, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner. The petition is allowed and it is directed that the petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

19.01.2023
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No