

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.209

CRM-M-43726-2022

Date of decision: 08.11.2023

Inderjeet Singh @ Nikku

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Ms. Sunita Devi, Advocate for
Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.148 dated 12.05.2021 registered under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Tripuri, District Patiala.

(2) Since only 01 out of the 11 prosecution witnesses remains to be examined in the petitioner's trial, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage she does not press the present petition on its merits and that she would be satisfied if the same is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally dispose of the petitioner's trial in a time bound manner.

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

(4) Since the petitioner is in custody for the last nearly 2 ½ years;

the petitioner's trial is virtually over; every undertrial has a right to a speedy trial; a direction to adjudicate upon a *lis* expeditiously prejudices none and that the learned State counsel also has no objection to the acceptance of the petitioner's afore alternate prayer, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to finally adjudicate upon the petitioner's trial within two months from the next date fixed before it, in accordance with law.

November 08, 2023
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(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No