

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(205)

CRM No. M-44657 of 2022
Date of Decision : 06.02.2023

Ranjit Singh @ Kallu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Laghuinder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 283 dated 20.05.2020, under Section 22 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

At the time of the hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the prayer of the petitioner for the grant of regular bail may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed at this stage but as, the police officials, who were bound to give testimony are not appearing from the court below and they are being summoned through non-bailable warrants hence, the police officials be directed to appear for their testimony on the next date of hearing, which is fixed for 20.02.2023.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that PW-11

ASI Balwinder Singh, PW-12 ASI Manjit Singh will appear for their cross-

examination on the next date of hearing, which is 20.02.2023. Learned State counsel further submits that ASI Satwinder Pal, ASI Jarnail Singh, SI Dharampal and ASI Gurdeep Singh will also be present for their testimony on 20.02.2023 and necessary instruction will be issued to them in this regard.

Keeping in view the above, the trial court is directed to record the testimony of the prosecution witnesses as expeditiously as possible without any delay even if, the same is to be done by giving short adjournments.

It is made clear that in case any of the above mentioned police officials does not appear for the testimony on the date fixed i.e. 20.02.2023 or any date fixed by the trial court thereafter, the trial court should inform the DGP, Punjab about their conduct so as to delay the finalization of the proceedings and in case, any such information is received by the department of police from the court, appropriate action be taken against the employees concerned by treating them to have failed to perform their duties in accordance with law.

Petition is disposed of in above terms.

February 06, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No