

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

**Crl. Misc. No. M-48969 of 2022
Date of decision: 18th April, 2023**

Manjeet Singh @ Manjit Singh

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. K. B. Raheja, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. I. S. Mann, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This is third petition seeking regular bail in FIR No. 72 dated 11.6.2021, under Sections 15, 15-C and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Khuian Sarwar, District Fazilka.
2. The earlier two petitions were withdrawn on 2.12.2021 and 20.4.2022.
3. The brief facts are that the police party on 11.6.2021 apprehended petitioner-Manjeet Singh @ Manjit Singh travelling in Tralla bearing registration No. PB-05AB-9405 and sixty two kilograms of poppy husk was recovered.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is

in custody since 11.6.2021, no recovery is to be made and he is not involved in any other case. He further submits that the trial is not progressing as no prosecution witness has been examined till date.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for grant of bail, however on instructions from ASI-Jang Raj fairly submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and no prosecution witness has been examined till date.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case and considering that the petitioner has clean antecedents, he is in custody since 11.6.2021, there is no progress in the trial, conclusion of trial is likely to take time and in similar circumstances the Supreme Court in *SLP (Crl.) No. 6690 of 2022- Dheeraj Kumar Shukla v. The State of Uttar Pradesh*, decided on 25.1.2023 granted bail, the petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition is allowed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No