



Crl.O.P.No.8235 of 2024

T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail in C.C.No.319 of 2022, pending trial on the file of the I Additional EC & NDPS Act Court, Chennai in connection with Crime No.307 of 2022 registered for the offence under Sections 8(c) r/w 22(C) and 29(1) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that this is the third application for bail filed by the petitioner before this Court. He also submitted that the investigation in this case has been completed and the case was taken up on the file of the I Additional EC & NDPS Act Court, Chennai, in C.C.No.319 of 2022 in the year 2022, but there is no progress in the trial, He further submitted that the prosecution is not properly producing the petitioner before the trial Court. He also submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 18.05.2022, thereby, he sought for bail to the petitioner on the ground of long incarceration.



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3. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent raised objection for granting bail to the petitioner stating that it is the case where the accused were found to be in illegal possession of 15 numbers of LSD Stamps (totally weighing 0.24 grams), which is a commercial quantity. He further submitted that the total recovery was made only from the petitioner herein, who is a history sheeted rowdy, against whom, 4 previous cases including one NDPS Act case are pending. He also submitted that there are nine witnesses in this case and now the case is at the stage of examination of IO, thereby, the prosecution would be able to complete the trial at the earliest, therefore, if he is released on bail, there is a possibility of him absconding and would derail the progress of the trial.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) cases for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

5. Taking into consideration the above facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate



(Crl.Side), taking note of the antecedents of the petitioner and considering the fact that the case is at the fag end of the trial, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. However, the respondent is directed to produce the petitioner/accused before the trial Court on all hearing dates without fail. Further, the trial Court is directed to complete the trial as early as possible, preferably, within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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