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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-5441-2024
Date of decision : 08.02.2024

Varinder Singh @ Soni Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. S.P.S. Khaira, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Iqbal Singh Mann, DAG, Punjab.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.95 dated 21.09.2019, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 21, 29, 61 and 85 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station STF Phase-4 Mohali, District SAS Nagar.
2. As per the custody certificate, the petitioner has undergone more than 04 years, 01 month and 25 days.
3. While disposing off earlier bail plea of the petitioner in CRM-M-27153-2023, following order was passed on 18.10.2023:-

“This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.95 dated 21.09.2019 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 21/89/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (for short, 'the NDPS Act') at Police Station STF Phase-4, Mohali.

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2. Custody Certificate of the petitioner has been filed today in Court. The same is taken on record.
3. Having heard counsel for the parties and after going through records of the case, the present petition is disposed off with the direction to the Trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously as the petitioner has a right to speedy trial guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.
4. Ordered accordingly.”
4. Today counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Naresh Kumar, has informed this Court that out of 14 cited witnesses, 05 stands examined, 06 have been given up and 01 has been bound down for 27.02.2024.
5. In all fairness to the petitioner, it will be in the interest of justice that the trial be concluded before **31.03.2024**.
6. With the aforesaid observations, the present petition is disposed off.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No