

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11160-2024
Date of decision : 23.05.2024

Harishanker Yadav Petitioner

versus

Union of India through NCB, Chandigarh Zonal Unit ...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

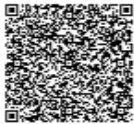
Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Gurmeet Kaur Gill, Sr. Panel Counsel
for UOI (NCB).

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in supplementary complaint dated 17.06.2021, arising out of complaint-NCB Crime No.81 dated 15.12.2017, under Sections 8, 20, 23, 25, 27A, 29 and 60 of NDPS Act, 1985 (charges framed against the petitioner under Sections 29, 20(ii)(c), 23(c) and 27-A of NDPS Act only) at NCB Zonal Unit, Chandigarh, U.T.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage he will be satisfied if the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and decide the same expeditiously in accordance with law, as the petitioner is stated to be in custody since 20.12.2020.

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- 3. I find this to be a fair request.
- 4. In the considered opinion of this Court, the petitioner who is in custody has a right to seek speedy trial as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.
- 5. Consequently, the trial Court is hereby directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.
- 6. Petition stands disposed off.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No