

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

217 CRM-M-15559-2024
Date of Decision:05.04.2024

RAMESH RAM @ RAMESH SINGHPetitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.56 dated 20.03.2019 under Sections 22 and 29 of NDPS Act, 1985 (Section 25 of NDPS Act was reduced), registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur. This is the sixth petition. The last petition was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 06.01.2023 in CRM-M-55818-2022 (Annexure P-9).

2. Learned counsel contends that at the time when the last petition was dismissed, the case was at the stage of defence evidence. More than one year has passed but still the case is at the stage of defence evidence. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record copy of last order of trial Court dated 28.03.2024. Learned counsel further submits that accused-petitioner was not seeking any adjournment for defence evidence and that accused will close their evidence on the very next date of hearing.

3. Since, the case is already at the stage of defence evidence, therefore, this Court does not feel justified to grant bail to the petitioner at this

stage.

4. However, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial within one month from the date when the accused close their defence evidence, as it has been undertaken by counsel for the petitioner-accused that they will close the evidence on the very next date of hearing as fixed before the trial Court.

05.04.2024

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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No