



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(211)

CRM-M-29064-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-19.11.2024

NIRMAL SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

:-

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present:- Mr. Karanjit Singh, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr. Anil Bansal, DAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner for grant of regular bail in case having FIR No.131 dated 21.11.2021 registered under Sections 22, 29 of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (offence under Section 25 of NDPS Act added later on) at Police Station Ghoman, District Batala.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has vehemently argued that the petitioner has been wrongly entangled in the present FIR and he has no role to play, however, counsel for the State has pointed out that the trial is at the fag end and eleven out of nineteen witnesses have been examined. At this stage, counsel for the petitioner has re-asserted that the petitioner is in custody for last three years, however, the same has been clarified by the counsel for the State with the strength of the custody certificate filed in



Court today that in fact, the petitioner is facing conviction in one more case under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and therefore, the custody in this case is only for one year, four months and nine days.

3. Faced with the above, counsel for the petitioner does not press the present petition at this stage, and in the light of the statement of counsel for the State that the trial is proceeding in accordance with law, he contains his prayer for issuance of appropriate directions to the learned Trial Court to complete the trial within three months.

4. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the record.

5. In the light of the statement made by counsel for the petitioner, present petition is dismissed as withdrawn and since the learned Trial Court is already proceeding in the matter and eleven out of nineteen witnesses have been examined, it is needless to pass any specific directions as this Court expects the learned Trial Court to make positive endeavour to expedite the trial.

6. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed as withdrawn with the aforesaid observations.

7. Since the main case has been decided, pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, are also disposed of accordingly.

19.11.2024
Gaurav Sorot

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No