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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-43985-2024

Date of Decision: 04.12.2024

BALWINDER SINGH @ BINDI

.....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present: Mr. Viren Sibal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. R.K. Takkar, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

By way of this second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.63 dated 02.05.2021 under Sections 22(c) of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Nathana District Bathinda, Punjab.

While dismissing the earlier petition on 07.02.2024, it was noticed by this Court that petitioner was in custody for the last 02 years, 09 months and 02 days and by that time 05 out of 18 witnesses had been examined. However, considering the huge quantity of contraband allegedly recovered from the petitioner and co-accused, and at the same time considering the custody period, the trial Court was directed to expedite the trial.

Today it is informed by learned State counsel that out of 18 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 09 have been examined and 06 have been given up. Learned State counsel submits that although 03 witnesses are left as per the list of witnesses but in case truck owner appears on the next date of hearing, there will be no need to examine any other witnesses except that truck owner.

Having noticed all the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court is not inclined to grant the regular bail to the petitioner as trial appears to be near



conclusion. At the same time, trial Court shall make sincere efforts to expedite the trial as early as possible.

This petition is accordingly disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)

04.12.2024

JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No