



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-44691-2024

Date of Decision : November 20, 2024

SONU MASIH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. G.P.S.Ghuman, Advocate and
Mr. Atul Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant 3rd petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.23 dated 9.4.2019, Under Sections 21, 29-61-85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and under Sections 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station STF, District SAS Nagar, the first two bail applications were dismissed as withdrawn vide orders dated 13.2.2020 and 5.5.2023, respectively.

2. The recovery effected in the instant FIR is 1 kg 10 grams of Heroin and .32 bore revolver.

3. Considering the gravity of the offence, this Court is not inclined to grant the asked for relief (supra). Consequently, the instant petition is, hereby, **dismissed**.

4. However, considering the fact that the petitioner has suffered incarceration of about 5 years, this Court by drawing an order dated 16.9.2024, has sought a report from the learned trial Court concerned disclosing therein, what caused delay in recording the statements of the prosecution witnesses.

5. The learned trial Court concerned vide its report No.671 dated 11.11.2024 informs this Court that the it requires a time of 4 months more, to conclude the trial in the FIR (supra).

6. The study survey of the report (supra) reflects that out of total 20 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 10 witnesses have already been examined.

7. In view of the above, the learned trial Court concerned is requested to conclude the trial within 4 months from today.

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No