

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

138-1

Date of decision: 11.03.2024

1. CRM-M-63975-2023

GINDER SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

2. CRM-M-5856-2024

JAGIR SINGH @ HEERA

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner in both the cases.

Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI. J.(Oral)

1. Vide this common order, CRM-M No.63975 of 2023 and CRM-M No.5856 of 2024 are being disposed of.
2. In CRM-M No.63975 of 2023, prayer is made for grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.115 dated 16.09.2012 under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, 1985, Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar and in CRM-M No.5856 of 2024, prayer is made for grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.115 dated 16.09.2012 under Sections 15 and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985, Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar.
3. The learned State counsel has placed on record the custody certificate issued by the Superintendent of Central Jail, District Faridkot. The same is taken on record.

4. Short reply by way of affidavit dated 07.03.2024, of Sh. Narinder Singh Aujla, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Shahkot, District Jalandhar (Rural) has been filed on behalf of respondent-State. The same is taken on record.
5. A perusal of the reply(supra) makes revelations that the investigating agency has recovered total 3850 kgs of poppy husk in the instant case and the petitioners are involved in a number of NDPS cases, therefore, this Court refrains to grant the relief of regular bail to the petitioners. Therefore, the instant petitions are, hereby, **dismissed**.
6. Learned State counsel on instructions, imparted to him by ASI Jaspal Singh, submits that out of the total 14 prosecution witnesses cited in the final report, only 03 prosecution witnesses have been examined till date.
7. Considering the snail pace of the trial, this Court deems it fit and appropriate to pass directions upon the learned trial Court concerned, to expedite the examination of the prosecution witnesses. The SSP concerned, is also directed to ensure the presence of the witnesses, as and when called by the learned trial Court concerned.
8. Further the learned trial Court concerned, shall make all efforts to conclude the trial within a period of 04 months from today.

11.03.2024
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

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