

CRM-M-61971-2024
Date of Decision:17.02.2025

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case. The petitioner is in custody since 29.08.2023 and is not a hardcore criminal. He further submits that after completion of investigation, the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented on 25.12.2023 and 26 prosecution witnesses have to be examined and all are the official witnesses. Trial is likely to take long time. No



useful purpose will be served by further detention of the petitioner in custody. Thus, it is prayed that he may be released on regular bail. In support of his contentions, learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon judgments in (i) **CRM-M-37684-2021, Balwinder Singh vs. State of Punjab**, decided on 14.02.2022; (ii) **CRM-M-8212-2022, Tajinder Singh vs. State of Punjab**, decided on 03.03.2022 and (iii) **CRM-M-35186-2016, Manjit Kaur @ Jeeto vs. State of Punjab**, decided on 01.12.2016.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, custody period of the petitioner and also the fact that the quantity of alleged contraband is marginally above the ‘commercial quantity’, but without commenting on merits of the case, I am of the considered view that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail.

6. Therefore, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing of bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

17.02.2025.
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No