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

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Date of decision: 18.05.2026

SAMRAT SABHARWAL

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. Mukesh Mehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Rattu, DAG Punjab.

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RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, is for issuance of direction to the trial Court for speedy disposal of trial in connection with FIR No.41 dated 21.05.2021, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Division No.4, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was granted concession of bail vide order dated 16.05.2022 and since then is regularly appearing before the learned Trial Court to face trial. He submits that after presentation of challan, charges were framed against the petitioner on 11.03.2022 and thereafter the case was fixed for prosecution evidence and the prosecution has cited 14 witnesses and no private witness has been cited in the present case. He further submits that the complainant is also an official witness and till date despite lapse of more than 04 years, prosecution evidence is still incomplete and the trial is moving at a snail's



pace. He submits that the matter has been adjourned on several dates. He submits that out of 14 prosecution witnesses only 03 have been examined and the prosecution witnesses are shying away from completing their evidence which is delaying the trial for no fault of the petitioner. Learned counsel for the petitioner, accordingly prays that appropriate directions be issued to learned Trial Court for speedy disposal of the trial.

Since the trial in aforesaid FIR in question is pending adjudication before the trial Court since the year 2021 and speedy trial is a fundamental right of the petitioner enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, it would be in the interest of justice if the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial in said FIR.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned trial Court to proceed with trial expeditiously, as per law and make earnest endeavour to decide it, at the earliest.

Disposed of accordingly.

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- i) Whether speaking/reasoned?
- ii) Whether reportable?

(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE

Yes/No
Yes/No