



211 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-53459-2025
Date of decision: 26.09.2025**

GURMEET SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. H.S. Rakhra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Nitesh Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.223 dated 15.12.2021 registered under Sections 21-C and 25 of NDPS Act, 1985, at Police Station STF, SAS Nagar, Mohali.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the very outset, confines his prayer to the limited extent that he will be satisfied if the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial expeditiously within a time bound manner, as the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 03 years and 09 months.
3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Nitesh Sharma, DAG Punjab, accepted the notice on behalf of the respondent-State.
5. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.
6. Keeping in view the limited prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner and that out of 15 prosecution witnesses, 06 witnesses have been examined till date, 03 prosecution witnesses given up and 06 prosecution



witnesses remain to be examined, the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 3½ years, the instant petition stands disposed of with a direction to the Trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within a period of 3 months from the next date fixed before it. If the trial Court fails to conclude the trial within the stipulated period, the petitioner would be at liberty to move an appropriate application seeking grant of bail before the Trial Court. Upon such application being filed, Trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail subject to his furnishing requisite bonds to its satisfaction by imposing such condition as it deems fit so that his presence can be secured during the trial. It is made clear that if the trial is delayed due to accused, then, trial, then he will not be entitled for any relief. Learned counsel representing the accused will not seek adjournment for cross-examination of the witnesses.

September 26, 2025
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |