

Parminder Singh @ Ajay Kumar is involved in one case under the NDPS Act although, he is on bail. Petitioners are confined in custody since 08.06.2023/16.06.2023 and only one witness out of 13 cited witnesses, has been examined so far. The completion of trial will also take a long time, so no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioners behind bars for such a long period.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel, opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioners.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record thoroughly.

5. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioners have undergone a period of more than 01 year and 08 months and the present case is under 304 IPC, only 01 witness out of 13 cited witnesses, has been examined so far. Thus, without commenting upon the merits of the case lest it may prejudice to the outcome of the trial, petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail during trial on their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate/trial Court concerned.

6. In view of the above, present petition(s) is allowed.

7. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and learned trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by the observations of this Court.

8. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of another connected case.

28.02.2025

Parveen kumar

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

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