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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

**CRM-M-58248-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision : 7.1.2025**

Ravi Kumar @ Raghu

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Narinder S. Lucky, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Inderjeet Singh Ladher, DAG, Punjab

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present 2nd petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case having FIR No.0158 dated 2.12.2017 registered under Sections 22 of NDPS Act at Police Station Moti Nagar, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

2. Case is relating to recovery of commercial quantity of Heroin from possession of the petitioner on 2.12.2017. The petitioner was arrested at the spot but subsequently the petitioner was granted regular bail by this Court vide order (Annexure P-2). Thereafter, the petitioner jumped bail and later on, -re-arrested in this case on 28.8.2024 on the basis of the production warrants issued by the Court concerned.



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3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier the petitioner failed to appear before the trial Court as one another criminal case was registered against him and later on, he was arrested in the said criminal case and is again taken into judicial custody in the present case on 28.8.2024 on the basis of the production warrants issued by the Court concerned and since then, the petitioner is in custody. It is further submitted that the trial in the present case is not proceeding ahead and it will take time for the trial to conclude. It being so, no purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period.

4. Present petition is resisted by the State counsel who submits that no doubt, the petitioner was granted regular bail by this Court vide order (Annexure P-2) but thereafter, the petitioner jumped bail. State counsel has not disputed the fact that as the petitioner was lodged in jail in some other criminal case, his production warrants were issued and he was again taken into judicial custody in the present case on 28.8.2024. It is further submitted that the trial is going on and now 6 witnesses remain to be examined on behalf of the prosecution.

5. In view of the fact that earlier also, the petitioner was granted regular bail vide order (Annexure P-2) and thereafter, the petitioner jumped bail but is again taken into custody and is now lodged in judicial custody since 28.8.2024 and it will take time for the trial to conclude, no useful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period.



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6. In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

January 7, 2025
Paritosh Kumar