

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

CRM-M-10717 of 2015

Date of decision: 25.05.2015

Surjan Singh alias Raju

-----Petitioner (s)

V/s

State of Punjab

-----Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?
2. To be referred to reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present:- Mr. V.K. Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.

This is second bail application filed under Section 439 CrPC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 357 dated 22.10.2013 under Sections 18/21/61/85 NDPS Act and Sections 25/54/59 Arms Act registered at Police Station City Faridkot.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that in view of changed circumstances i.e. the long duration of custody and non-examination of witnesses, the petitioner has filed the present application. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 2.11.2013 on the allegation

of recovery of 380 gm. of heroine from his possession, which falls in commercial category. He further submits that as against the total 11 witnesses, only one witness has been examined and the petitioner is in custody approximately for a period of 1 year, 6 months and 20 days.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Jaspal Singh, does not dispute the aforesaid facts.

Heard.

No doubt the petitioner has been charge-sheeted, but as against total 11 witnesses, only one witness has been examined so far. The petitioner is in custody since 2.11.2013 and conclusion of trial shall take sufficiently long time. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail during the pendency of the trial, subject to his furnishing of bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court. However, the petitioner shall submit an undertaking before his release that he shall not indulge in any other offence whatsoever.

The observations made here-in-above shall not be construed any expression on the merit of the case.

May 25, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE