

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

CRM No. M-11830 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 07.07.2015.

Sukhwinder Singh @ Ajay

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. F.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil K. Chopra, DAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J.

The petitioner seeks the benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.4, dated 17.01.2013, under Sections 18/25/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Bhadson, District Patiala.

The alleged recovery from the petitioner is stated to be 5 kilograms opium. The petitioner is also stated to be a habitual offender inasmuch as 7 other FIRs stand registered against him. As such, this Court is not inclined to grant the benefit of regular bail to the petitioner.

Petition is accordingly dismissed.

However, in view of the fact that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 17.01.2013 and challan was presented on 08.05.2013, directions are issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial and in any case to conclude the same within a period of 6 months from the date of passing of this order.

07.07.2015

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**