

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-18028 of 2015
Date of Decision:-23.12.2015**

Sagar Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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.Ajay Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer made in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.38 dated 04.05.2014, under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Ghagga, District-Patiala.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from HC-Sunder Singh, submits that in the case in hand, the prosecution has already examined as many as 03 witnesses, as against the total 11 witnesses cited by the prosecution and co-accused, namely, Varjinder Singh has already been convicted by the Juvenile Court vide order dated 30.03.2015.

Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner does not press the present petition, however, he submits that the petitioner is in custody since 04.05.2014 and the trial is still at a initial stage. Without arguing the matter on merits, he submits that the present petition may be disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial and to conclude the same preferably within 06 months.

The request of counsel for the petitioner to expedite the trial seems to be genuine.

Accordingly, present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial and to conclude the same preferably within 06 months.

However, in case it is not possible for the trial Court to conclude the trial within the stipulated time, the petitioner is at liberty to approach the trial Court for the relief of regular bail.

December 23, 2015
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[HARI PAL VERMA]
JUDGE