

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

CRM M-20047 of 2015

Date of Decision : June 23, 2015

Jagjit Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.S. MANN

Present : Mr. Sahil Khunger, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Chaudhary, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Amit Saini, Advocate
for the complainant.

T.P.S. MANN, J.(Oral)

This is the third petition filed by Jagjit Singh-petitioner for the grant of regular bail, the first one having been dismissed as withdrawn on 11.8.2014 while the second dismissed on 15.1.2015.

The petitioner is facing trial for various offences and the trial is pending before the Judicial Magistrate 1st Class. The petitioner is in custody since 13.4.2014. After the dismissal of the second petition filed by the petitioner for the grant of regular bail, he had approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court by filing SLP (Criminal) No. 1525 of 2015 which was dismissed on 27.2.2015. However, it was ordered that the dismissal of the petition would

not stand in the way of making fresh application for bail by the petitioner before the appropriate forum atleast after three months.

After obtaining instructions from ASI Sandeep Kumar, learned State counsel has informed the Court that out of the thirty three witnesses cited by the prosecution only one has been examined so far and now the trial is slated for 3.7.2015.

Learned counsel appearing for the complainant has vehemently opposed the prayer by submitting that there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner of committing grave crimes. Further, the petitioner had been threatening the prosecution witnesses as and when he was produced before the trial Court.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars as he is in custody since 13.4.2014 and the time prescribed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in permitting the petitioner to apply for bail, once again, has since been completed. Further, the prosecution has not made any significant progress in the trial of the case.

Resultantly, the petition is accepted. Bail to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Ludhiana.

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(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE