

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-21215 of 2015
Date of Decision : July 10, 2015

Khushwinder Singh @ Monu	<i>VERSUS</i>	Petitioner
State of Punjab		Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Satnam Singh Gill, Advocate

Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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

This is the third petition filed by the petitioner for the grant of regular bail, the first two having been dismissed as withdrawn on 18.2.2014 and 11.7.2014.

The petitioner stands booked for offences under Sections 21 and 22 of the NDPS Act for being found in possession of 37 grams of smack and 1000 tablets, which had diphenoxylate as its active ingredient.

After obtaining instructions from ASI Bhupinder Singh, learned State counsel has informed the Court that out of the nine witnesses cited by the prosecution, six have already been examined. Even the seventh has been examined-in-chief. Apart from them, the prosecution has to examine two more witnesses and now the trial is fixed for 20.7.2015.

The petitioner is in custody since 19.4.2013. Further, the petitioner has already tried his luck twice before this Court for his release on bail but remained unsuccessful.

Without observing anything on the merits, lest it may prejudice the case of either party, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial of the case expeditiously, preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE

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