

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

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CRM M 37978 of 2014
Date of decision: 19.01.2015

Satnam Singh

..... *Petitioners*

Versus

State of Punjab

.....*Respondent*

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

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Present : Mr. S S Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Gazi Mohammad, DAG, Punjab
for the respondent (s)

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

Rekha Mittal, J. (Oral)

Prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 105 dated 12.09.2013 under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (in short, 'the Act'), registered in Police Station Ghagga, District Patiala.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since September 12, 2013 and there is no progress in the trial.

I have heard counsel for the parties and perused the records.

Keeping in view the provisions of Section 37 of the Act, delay in conclusion of trial cannot enure to benefit of the accused to be released on bail. However, as the accused has the right of speedy trial, the trial Court is directed to expedite conclusion of prosecution evidence and counsel for the State is directed to ensure presence of the prosecution witness(s) on the date fixed by the trial Court.

Disposed of.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

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