

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

CRM M-41380 of 2015

Date of Decision : December 11, 2015

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.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

Present : Ms. Satwant Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikram Bishnoi, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

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

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail during the pendency of the trial of the case in FIR No. 10 dated 18.1.2013 under Sections 302/460 IPC registered at Police Station Sadar, Tarn Taran.

The petitioner had earlier moved this Court for the grant of bail by filing CRM M-13288 of 2014 but after arguing the same for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner had prayed for withdrawing the petition. Accordingly, vide order dated 24.7.2014, this Court had dismissed the petition as having been withdrawn.

After obtaining instructions from HC Anwar Masih, Police Station Sadar, Tarn Taran, learned State counsel has informed the Court that out of the thirty one witnesses cited by the prosecution, seven have already been examined and now the trial is fixed for 22.12.2015 for recording of further evidence of the prosecution.

The petitioner is in custody since 29.4.2013. The pace at which the trial is proceeding, it will take a long time for its conclusion. Under these circumstances, this Court finds it appropriate to issue directions to the trial Court to expedite the trial of the case.

Resultantly, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial and, conclude the same, preferably, within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order.

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(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE