

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-5522 of 2015

Date of Decision : April 24, 2015

Darshan Kaur

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

Present : Ms. Sushma Varma, Advocate.

Mr. Vikram Bishnoi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

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

This is the fourth petition filed by the petitioner for the grant of regular bail, the first two having been dismissed as withdrawn on 28.2.2014 and 29.5.2014, while the third dismissed on 12.9.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, who is a woman, is in custody since 11.9.2013.

After obtaining instructions from ASI Darshan Singh, learned State counsel has informed the Court that the prosecution has cited eight witnesses in support of its case. Out of them two have been examined while two given up. The remaining four witnesses now stand summoned for 5.5.2015. It is also submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of 1500 tablets which had diphynoxilate as its active ingredient. The net weight of 1500 tablets is 117 grams, which falls within the category of commercial quantity. Besides, the petitioner was found in possession of 10 kgs. of poppy husk.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court finds that no case is made out for granting the concession of bail to the petitioner.

The petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

However, in view of the fact that the petitioner is behind the bars for the last about 1½ years, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same, preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order.

April 24, 2015
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**(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE**