

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

(206)

CRM-M-10744-2016

Decided on: July 11, 2016.

Kulwant Singh alias Kanta

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur Athwal, DAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

This is third application for grant of regular bail in a case of recovery of 3 kgs of opium.

On the instructions of ASI Gamdoor Singh, learned State counsel informs that all the prosecution witnesses except for one have been examined and the trial is likely to be concluded in near future. Next date of hearing before the trial Court is 20.07.2016.

Taking into consideration the stage of the trial and the health condition of the petitioner being a patient of HIV positive, I deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition with a direction to the trial Court to make an earnest endeavour to conclude the trial within a period of one month after the next date of hearing by giving fair opportunity to the petitioner to produce defence evidence. In case the trial is not concluded within a period of one month after the next date of hearing, it will be open to the petitioner to approach this Court again for grant of bail.

**(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE**

July 11, 2016
harsha