

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

CRM-M No.22358 of 2016.

Decided on:-11.07.2016.

Jaswant Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

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

Present:- Mr. A.S. Khosa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Madahar, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.234 dated 25.9.2014 under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Sadar Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegation against the petitioner is that recovery of 52 Kgs of poppy husk was effected from the car owned by him. He is in custody since 17.12.2015 and the

alleged recovery is marginally higher than the commercial quantity.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record. The custody certificate reflects the custody of petitioner since 17.12.2015. Learned State counsel submits that the prosecution has cited as many as 17 witnesses out of which 1 has been examined.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The allegation against the petitioner is that 52 Kgs of poppy husk was recovered from the car owned by him. The alleged recovery is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. The trial is at the initial stage and conclusion of the same shall take sufficient long time.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

However, it is made clear that the observations made hereinabove shall have no bearing on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of evidence available on record.

July 11, 2016
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE