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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-42515 of 2015****Date of decision: June 02, 2016**

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI****Present:** Mr. Pradeep Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.Ms. Reita Kohli, Addl. AG Punjab with
Mr. Hanspal Virk, Advocate.

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

***********SURYA KANT, J. (Oral)**

This is the second petition under section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr. P.C.') filed by the petitioner for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.69 dated 08.03.2013, under Sections 21/22/61/185 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') and Section 13 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (for short 'FEMA Act'), registered at Police Station Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib. Subsequently, Section 13 of FEMA Act was deleted.

Having regard to the attending circumstances, we were not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, however, as the petitioner is incarcerated since 08.03.2013, the trial proceedings are required to be expedited. On the previous dates also, directions have been issued for

speedy disposal of the trial. The Punjab Police through its Director General was further directed to make available the official witnesses before the trial Court and they be not assigned other official duties on the date fixed before the trial Court. Those directions have been substantively complied with and as of now, in the above stated FIR, only 10 witnesses are left to be examined out of which 6 witnesses have been bound-down for the next date i.e. 13.06.2016. There is already a direction to the learned Special Judge to take up the case preferably on weekly basis, therefore, we have no reason to doubt that the trial proceedings shall be concluded expeditiously.

The application, if any, moved by the petitioner for production of documents shall also be promptly decided by the trial Court in accordance with law. If the learned Presiding Officer is of the view that the record sought to be produced by the petitioner is relevant and such record is not available with the Investigating officer, he shall be at liberty to direct the officer/authority in whose custody such record lies to produce the same.

In view of above directions, no case to grant bail at this stage is made out.

Dismissed.

However, directions issued to the prosecution/police authorities shall be meticulously complied with at the earliest.

The Registrar Judicial is directed to e-mail/fax this order to the concerned Court.

[SURYA KANT]
JUDGE

[A.B. CHAUDHARI]
JUDGE

June 02, 2016
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