

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

CRM M-4383 of 2016

Date of Decision : February 16, 2016

Pappi Sharma @ Pappi Ram

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Dr. Deipa Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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

Prayer made in the petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial of the case.

The petitioner and Amrit Singh were said to have been found in possession of 105 kgs 600 grams of poppy husk. The petitioner is in custody since the date of the occurrence i.e. 14.6.2014. As per the *Zimni orders* passed by the trial Court and re-produced in para 3 of the petition, it is made out that most of the time the prosecution witnesses were not present and the trial had to be adjourned.

After obtaining instructions from ASI Darshan Singh, learned State counsel has apprised the Court that out of the nine witnesses cited by the prosecution, two have already been examined and now the trial is fixed for 25.2.2016 for recording of further evidence of the prosecution.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that directions can be issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial of the case in a particular time frame.

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

**(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE**

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**(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE**