

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-7696 of 2016
Date of Decision:-04.04.2016**

Surinder Kumar

...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. J.B.S. Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this application is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.257 dated 7.6.2014, under Section 21 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage submits that as against the total 8 witnesses cited by the prosecution only one witness has been examined and, the trial is going at the slow speed and it will take long time for completion.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate and does not dispute the aforesaid factual position. The custody certificate is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage, he would be satisfied if the trial is directed to be expedited.

Accordingly, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and complete the same preferrably within six months from today.

With the aforesaid direction, the instant petition stands dismissed.

April 04, 2016
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE