

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

CRM No. M-8714 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.03.2016

Jugal Kishore

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Vivek Goel, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Anmol Grewal, AAG, Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA. J (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.157 dated 24.12.2014, under Section 18/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, registered at Police Station Muktsar Sadar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

As per prosecution version, an alleged recovery of 3.5 kgs. of opium was effected from the petitioner.

Petitioner, at the very outset, submits that he would not be pressing the instant petition for grant of bail but raises an alternate prayer for directions be issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

Keeping in view the facts that the petitioner has faced incarceration since 24.12.2014 and that out of 13 prosecution witnesses only 04 official witnesses remain to be examined, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to trial Court to expedite the trial and to in any case conclude the same within a period of six months from today.

Disposed of.

18.03.2016

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**