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

CRM-M-33782-2017

Date of decision:04.12.2017.

JATINDER KUMAR

... Petitioner

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

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.21 dated 19.03.2015 under Section 21 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station D-Division, District Amritsar.

On 03.11.2017, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned State counsel submits that the trial is at advance stage. Initially, there were 10 witnesses cited by the prosecution, but thereafter, 6 witnesses were given up and the out of the remaining 4 prosecution witnesses, 2 witnesses have already been examined. The case is now fixed before the trial Court for 15.11.2017. He further submits that in all probabilities, the prosecution evidence would be over on the date fixed.

In view of the advance stage of the trial, the present case is adjourned to 04.12.2017.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that despite the aforesaid order, the prosecution evidence has not been completed, whereas learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurnam Singh, states that

out of the total witnesses, only one prosecution witness is required to be examined and the case is now fixed for 19.12.2017.

In view of advance stage of trial and when only one prosecution witness is required to be examined, prayer of the petitioner for grant of regular bail is declined at this stage. However, the trial Court shall make an endeavour to expedite the trial and conclude the same within three months from 19.12.2017 i.e. the date fixed before the trial Court.

Accordingly, present petition stands disposed of.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

04.12.2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No