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

CRM-M-45252-2016

Date of Decision: 24.01.2017

Chamkaur Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Chamkaur Singh has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.80 dated 04.08.1999, registered at Police Station Lohian, District Jalandhar, under Section 15 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion has been issued.

Mr. Deep Singh, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab, has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

From the record, I find that 30 kg of poppy husk was recovered from the petitioner. It is also evident that during the course of proceedings, the petitioner was declared 'proclaimed offender' vide order dated 22.11.2001 and now the petitioner himself surrendered before the Court on 29.09.2016. It is also evident that the petitioner had left for Italy without taking any permission from the Court.

Keeping in view the aforesaid discussion, I do not find it a fit case, where the petitioner is entitled to benefit of regular bail. Moreover, there is every apprehension that the petitioner may again abscond from the Court proceedings, if he is enlarged on bail.

Therefore, finding no merit in the petition, the same is dismissed.

However, as stated by learned Counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 4 months and earlier also he remained in custody for some period, therefore, learned trial Court is directed to expedite the trial.

January 24, 2017

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**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No