

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

**CRM-M No.44651 of 2017
Date of Decision : 03.04.2018**

Gagandeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. G.S. Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No.79 dated 17th November, 2013, registered under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Moti Nagar, District Ludhiana.

The petitioner was arrested on 16th September, 2017.

It transpires that by now prosecution evidence has already been started and 04 out of 11 challaned witnesses have been examined, while the next date for prosecution evidence happens to be 21st of this month.

Since the recovery allegedly made from the petitioner was above the commercial quantity, at this stage this does not appear to be a fit case for his release. The matter is therefore disposed off with a direction upon the Ld. Trial Court to endeavour to complete the trial as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of two months after the date of communication of this order.

The petitioner shall be at liberty to approach this Court again in case there is any inordinate/unreasonable delay in completion of trial for reasons not attributable to him.

April 03, 2018**Dpr****(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No