

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

CRM-M-9320-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision:22.03.2018

Amandeep Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. J.S. Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, Advocate

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.168, dated 05.08.2016, under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Shimlapuri, District Ludhiana.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

As per prosecution version, an alleged recovery of 150 grams of intoxicant powder was effected from the petitioner and the same was found to be containing diphenoxilate hydrochloride.

Petitioner was arrested on 05.08.2016.

In the light of the heavy/commercial quantity allegedly recovered, this Court is not inclined to extend in favour of the petitioner concession of bail.

At this stage, counsel for the petitioner makes a prayer that he would not be pressing the instant petition for regular bail at this stage but seeks directions to be issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial proceedings.

Prayer made by counsel is even just and reasonable. Petitioner

has faced incarceration since 05.08.2016. Petitioner is certainly vested with a right of a speedy trial.

Without making any observations on merits and keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial proceedings and in any case, to conclude the same within a period of six months from today.

Disposed of.

22.03.2018

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |