

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

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**CRM-M No.415 of 2018
Date of Decision : 21.1.2019**

Surinder Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. S.C. Sabharwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, Punjab.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.140 dated 28.12.2017, registered under Sections 25/15/61 of NDPS Act at Police Station Cantt. Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been in custody for about 13 months.

Learned Senior DAG on instructions from ASI Jaspal Singh has informed the Court that 3 out of 13 witness have been examined and stated that keeping in view the nature of the offence instead of releasing the petitioner on bail, it would be appropriate to put a time cap on the trial since only 10 official witnesses remain to be examined. He undertakes the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 31.3.2019 subject to

the accused not obstructing the same.

Keeping in view the undertaking of counsel for the State, I dispose of this petition at this stage but direct the trial Court to release the petitioner on bail in case the prosecution fails to conclude the evidence on or before 31.3.2019 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

21.1.2019
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(**AJAY TEWARI**)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned - Yes/No

Whether reportable - Yes/No