

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

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CRM-M-28984-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.12.2021

Rajpal @ Raju

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Vijay K. Jindal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

As per report dated 15.12.2021 received from the Presiding Officer of the trial Court, as many as 12 PWs have been examined and another 4 have been given up and that while PW Kirpal Singh has been bound-down for the next date i.e. 23.12.2021, the other 2 remaining PWs, namely, MHC Shashpal Singh and Gurbax Singh have been summoned for the said date.

The aforesaid report shows that the Presiding Officer has made strenuous efforts for examining maximum number of witnesses during the short period after directions issued by this Court despite the fact that the Court is stated to be heavily burdened and as many as 3400 files including 356 IPC trials and about 800 NDPS trials are pending before the said Court.

In view of the aforestated position, wherein the trial is virtually at its fag end, this Court does not deem it appropriate to grant

regular bail to the petitioner at this stage particularly bearing in mind that it is a case of recovery of 'commercial' quantity of contraband.

Needless to mention, the trial Court shall take all such necessary steps as may be possible for concluding the trial expeditiously provided the accused themselves do not cause delay.

Disposed of accordingly.

17.12.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**

Whether reportable: **Yes/No**