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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on :07.04.2026

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Harpreet Maini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present third petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 149 dated 02.12.2022, under Sections 15, 25 and 29 of NDPS Act and Section 473 IPC, registered at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala.

2. There is a huge recovery of 1920 Kg (1800 Kg + 120 Kg) of poppy husk in the present case.

3. At the very outset, learned State Counsel submits that out of total of 19 prosecution witnesses, 16 have already been examined and trial is likely to conclude in the near future.

4. Considering the stage of the trial and the gravity of the offence, this Court refrains from entertaining the instant petition, particularly in view of the huge quantity of poppy husk recovered.

5. However, present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court concerned to conclude the trial expeditiously. While parting with the order, it is reminded that in the order dated 01.07.2025 passed in CRM-M-3698-2025, filed by the petitioner, this Court had



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emphasized the need for conclusion of the trial within a reasonable time frame. Accordingly, the learned Public Prosecutor and the trial Court are directed to conclude the trial preferably within three months from today, failing which an explanation for the delay shall be sought.

6. Let a copy of this order be sent to the learned trial Court concerned for necessary information and compliance.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

07.04.2026

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