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

**CRM-M No.71344 of 2025
Date of Decision: 23.03.2026**

Ajay Kumar @ Gorav @ Gora Grover **Petitioner**

Versus

Union of India
through Narcotics Control Bureau, Chandigarh **Respondent**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Sarthak Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sourabh Goel, Special Public Prosecutor with
Ms. Samridhi Jain, Advocate;
Ms. Geetika Sharma, Advocate;
Ms. Anju Bansal, Advocate;
Ms. Himanshi Gautam, Advocate and
Ms. Deify Jindal, Advocate
for the respondent-NCB.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing NCB Crime No.79, dated 15.11.2022, under Sections 8, 8A, 18, 21, 23, 25, 27-A, 27-B, 28, 29, 60 & 62 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station NCB Chandigarh.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is behind bars since 22.11.2022.

3. Custody certificate of the petitioner dated 22.03.2026 has been filed by learned State counsel today in the Court, which is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.



4. However, learned counsel for the State, at the outset, has submitted that only 04 witnesses remain to be cross-examined and, thus, the trial is at the fag end. He has further submitted that this Court, in the bail application of co-accused, namely, Sunny Verma, bearing CRM-M-58618-2024, vide order dated 18.03.2026, had already directed the learned trial Court to expedite the trial and conclude the same as the trial was at the fag end.

5. In view of the submissions made, it is apparent that the trial is at the fag end. Keeping in view the stage of the trial, this Court, in CRM-M-58618-2024 vide order dated 18.03.2026, had already directed the learned trial Court concerned to expedite the trial and conclude the same in accordance with law. Hence, the prosecution is directed to ensure the presence of the witnesses before the learned trial Court for their cross examination on the date fixed before it, i.e. 25.03.2026.

6. Thus, keeping in view the stage of the trial, which is at the fag end, this Court refrains itself from going into the merits of the case. Hence, the present petition is disposed of. However the learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously in accordance with law.

23.03.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE