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Leave granted.

The appellant is facing prosecution in FIR No. 129 dated 19.11.2010 for offences punishable under Sections 15,25,60,61,85, Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 before Special Court, Mansa, Punjab. According to the prosecution, the appellant was found carrying 52 kgs. of poppy husk in his car. His bail application having been turned by the courts below, he has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail.

We are told by learned counsel for the parties that the prosecution has already examined most of the witnesses and that the trial is almost at the final stage. The appellant has been in jail for the past three years. In the circumstances we see no reason why the prayer for bail should not be granted at this stage. We accordingly allow this appeal, set aside the order passed by the High Court and direct that the appellant shall be released on bail on

his furnishing bail bonds in a sum of ` 20,000/- with two sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial court.

.....J.
(T.S.THAKUR)

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(JAGDISH SINGH KHEHAR)

New Delhi,
July 19, 2013