

*IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB
AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.*

Cr. Misc. M 12030 of 2015
Date of decision:- 28.4.2015

Hardeep Singh Cheema

Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

Respondent

Present: Mr.Pankaj Bali, Advocate.
Mr. Neeraj Sharma, AAG, Punjab

M.M.S.BEDI,J.

This is the third petition for grant of bail. The first petition was disposed of as withdrawn before a Co-ordinate Bench. The second petition was dismissed on 8.5.2014 requiring the trial court to expeditiously conclude the trial.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that there is no direct evidence against the petitioner. Even the witnesses of circumstantial evidence have not supported the case of the prosecution.

On asking of the court, on the instructions of ASI Labh Singh, learned State counsel informs that out of 20 witnesses only 8 witnesses stand examined.

Instead of entering into the exercise of appreciation of evidence at this stage, lest it should prejudice the right of the petitioner or the prosecution agency, I deem it appropriate to direct the trial court to conclude the trial within a period of five months after the receipt of a certified copy of this order, by giving short dates of hearing. In case the trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period, it will be open to the trial court to grant the concession of bail to the petitioner, taking into consideration the prima facie strength of evidence of the prosecution.

April 28 ,2015
TSM

(M.M.S.BEDI)
JUDGE