

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 15329 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : September 15, 2015

Baljinder Singh @ Bikker,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. SS Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. A.G Punjab

- 1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?**
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not ?**
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest ?**

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.232, dated 13.07.2009, registered under Sections 15/61/85 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Samana, District Patiala.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that apart from the merits of the case, the petitioner has now been in custody for more than two years and, therefore, should be released on bail.

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from HC Bhagwan Singh, has accepted this factual assertion but states that only two witnesses remain to be examined, and instead of releasing the petitioner on bail, it

would be appropriate to put a time cap on the trial. She has stated that the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 31.10.2015 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Keeping in view the statement of counsel for the respondent, I dismiss this petition but direct the trial Court to release the petitioner on bail in case the prosecution fails to conclude the evidence on or before 31.10.2015 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

September 15, 2015
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE