

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

**C.R.M-M No.15434-2015 (O&M)  
Date of Decision : 31.08.2015**

Satpal Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI**

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Present : Mr. Vikas Cuccria, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms.Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG, Punjab.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers 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)**

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.43 dated 25.03.2014 registered under Sections 18, 61 and 85 of NDPS Act at Police Station City Muktsar Sahib.

The contention is that the petitioner has been in custody since 25.03.2014 and despite the lapse of more than one year and five months not even a single witness has been examined.

Learned Additional Advocate General states that it would be more appropriate to fix a time cap on the trial. As per her there are total 8 witnesses.

In the circumstances, it is directed that in case the prosecution does not lead its entire evidence by 30.11.2015 subject to the petitioner not obstructing the same, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail

to its satisfaction.

Petition stands disposed of.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

**31.08.2015**

*Pooja Sharma-I*

**( AJAY TEWARI )  
JUDGE**