

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No.M-1569 of 2015
Date of Decision : January 28, 2015

Sumit Gupta

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.S.MANN

Present : Mr. Yogesh Goel, Advocate.

Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Additional A.G., Punjab.

T.P.S. MANN, J. (Oral)

This is the third petition filed by the petitioner for the grant of regular bail, the first one having been dismissed as withdrawn on 28.2.2014 and the second dismissed on 21.8.2014.

After obtaining instructions from Inspector Rajesh Kumar, learned State counsel has informed the Court that out of the 34 witnesses cited by the prosecution, four have been examined. Two more witnesses have been examined though partly. Now, the trial is slated for today itself for examining two more witnesses of the prosecution, besides one, who was partly examined earlier, for his further examination.

The petitioner is in custody since 20.6.2012. On going through the contents of the FIR and the role played by the petitioner in the commission of the crime, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail. At the same time, directions can be issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

Resultantly, the petition is dismissed.

However, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and complete the same, preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

January 28, 2015

(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE