

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

CRM-M No. 17133 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : August 24, 2015

Gurnam Singh

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

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

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Present : Mr. Sahil Kaushal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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

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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 ?**

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**Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)**

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.18, dated 24.01.2013, registered under Sections 302, 365, 404, 201, 34 of the IPC, at Police Station City Khanna.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has now been in custody for two years and two months and there is no prospect of early conclusion of the trial since only 12 out of 26 witnesses have been examined. He has further argued that the petitioner has been implicated only on the basis of a statement of the co-accused and that there is no other corroborative evidence against him.

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from ASI Jagdeep Singh, states that this is a case of heinous offence 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 24.12.2015 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Keeping in view the statement of counsel for the respondent, I dismiss this petition at this stage but direct the trial Court to release the petitioner on bail in case the prosecution fails to conclude the evidence on or before 24.12.2015 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

**August 24, 2015**  
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**( AJAY TEWARI )**  
**JUDGE**