

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 23079 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision : September 03, 2015

Rajinder Kumar,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab,

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Himanshu Puri, 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.31, dated 19.03.2014, registered under Sections 302/201/34 of the IPC, at Police Station Sadar Kapurthala, District Kapurthala.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has been in custody since 20.03.2014 and two star witnesses of extra judicial confession have turned hostile and, therefore, the petitioner should be released on bail.

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, however, states that apart from the merits of the case, the fact is that the trial is almost at its fag end and only 3

witnesses remain 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 within two months 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 to its satisfaction in case the prosecution fails to conclude its evidence within two months subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

September 03, 2015
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE