

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 25928 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : August 11, 2015

Mukesh Kumar @ Mintu,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Naveen Bawa, 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. 208, dated 27.12.2014, registered under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Daba, District Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has now been in custody for more than seven months and even the prosecution evidence has not started.

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from ASI Harbans Singh, has accepted the fact that no prosecution evidence has been led but states that rather than granting bail to the petitioner, it would be appropriate

to put a time cap on the trial. As per her, the case is now fixed for 21.8.2015 for prosecution evidence and there are eighteen official witnesses who have been cited.

In the circumstances, it is directed that in case the prosecution does not lead its entire evidence by 28.02.2016 (subject to the petitioner not obstructing the same), the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail to its satisfaction. The petition stands disposed of.

August 11, 2015
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE