

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

(267)

CRM-M-30096-2015

Decided on: November 26, 2015.

Gurwinder Singh @ Natha

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. S.S. Grewal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashan Preet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioner has been in custody w.e.f. 23.11.2014 for having been found in possession of 20 bottles of Rexcof.

On asking of the Court, it has been informed that one witness out of six prosecution witnesses has been examined till date.

Taking into consideration the period of detention and the quantity of codeine having been recovered from the petitioner, I deem it appropriate in the interest of justice to dispose of this petition with a direction that the trial Court shall conclude the trial within a period of 6 months after the next date of hearing by giving fair opportunities to the prosecution to conclude examination of all the witnesses within a period of 5 months. In case, prosecution fails to produce all the witnesses within a period of 5 months, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction on expiry of 6 months from the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court.

**(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE**

November 26, 2015

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