

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 34126 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : November 02, 2015

Manjit Singh @ Jeetu

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. PS Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG 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 7.9.2014, registered under Sections 15/25/61/85 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Samrala, District Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that in this case recovery is of 75 kgs of poppy husk and 5 persons have been nominated as accused and that the petitioner has been in custody for the last almost 14 months.

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, on instructions from HC Jagtar Singh, states that keeping in view the nature of the offence, instead of releasing the petitioner on bail, it would be appropriate to put a time cap on

the trial. She has stated that 1 out of 10 witnesses has been examined and the prosecution will lead its entire evidence within three 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 the evidence within three months subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

November 02, 2015
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE