

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

**C.R.M-M No.42635 of 2013(O&M)
Date of Decision : 23.01.2015**

Pinder Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mohd. Yousaf, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers 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)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.349 dated 24.12.2012 registered under Section 18 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that apart from the merits the petitioner has now been in custody since 25.12.2012 and there is no prospect of early conclusion of the trial.

Learned Additional Advocate General has accepted these factual assertions but states that 3 out of 11 witnesses have been examined

and subject to the petitioner not obstructing the same the prosecution will lead its entire evidence by 31.03.2015 and prays that a direction be issued to the trial Court to facilitate the same by giving short dates, if required.

I find this to be a fair request. In the circumstances, in view of the undertaking given by the learned Additional Advocate General, it is directed that in case the prosecution does not lead its entire evidence on or before 31.03.2015 (subject to the petitioner not obstructing the same) the petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

January 23, 2015

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**