

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-43918 of 2014

Date of decision: 09.01.2015

Gurchet Singh @ Seti

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Kuldip Singh

Present: Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr.Ashish Sanghi, DAG 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?*

Kuldip Singh, J. (Oral)

Three kg. of opium is alleged to have been recovered from the petitioner on 12.6.2014. The period of 180 days expired on 8.12.2014, however, on the application dated 6.12.2014, filed by the prosecution, time for presenting the challan was extended till 8.1.2015.

Today, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sandhura Singh, states that an application for further extension of time was filed on the ground that the report of laboratory has not been received. However, the same has been rejected. The fact remains that even the extended period for presenting the challan has lapsed. Therefore, the petitioner is entitled for bail as a matter of right under Section 167(2) Cr.P.C.

In view of the matter, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹.1,00,000/- with one surety in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate, Bathinda.

09.01.2015

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**(Kuldip Singh)
Judge**