

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

CRM-M-6162 of 2015

Decided on: March 04, 2015.

Manjeet Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. T.S. Sangha, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. H.S. Sangha, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddarth Sanwaria, DAG, Haryana.

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

Out of 16 witnesses, 9 witnesses stand already examined in a case of recovery of 5 kg of opium allegedly being carried on a motorcycle by petitioner and one another. Petitioner has been in custody w.e.f.13.11.2013.

The period of detention and the pace of the trial appears to be a matter of concern. Striking the balance between the rights of the petitioner for grant of bail and that of prosecution agency to try the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition with a direction that trial Court shall conclude the trial within a period of six months after the next date of hearing. In case, the prosecution agency fails to produce all the witnesses and trial is not concluded within a period of three months, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

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

March 04, 2015

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