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

CRM-M-10665-2016
Date of decision : 04.04.2016

Chander Mahato

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

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

The petitioner has been in custody for three years and ten months in a murder case, based upon circumstantial evidence.

Learned State counsel informs that out of 20 prosecution witnesses, 17 stand already examined.

It will not be appropriate for this Court, at this stage, to consider this bail application by entering into the niceties of the trial. It will be expedient in the interest of justice to dispose of this bail application with a direction to the trial Court to decide the case within a period of three months from the next date of hearing. In case the trial is not concluded within a

period of three months from the next date of hearing, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction after the expiry of three months from the next date of hearing.

April 04, 2016
Ramandeep Singh

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE