

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

**CRM-M-11255-2016
Date of decision: 24.05.2016**

Harpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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

For having been found in possession of 60 grams of intoxicating powder containing diphenoxylate hydrochloride, the petitioner was arrested on 22.05.2014. He was granted interim bail on 03.07.2014, during the period when the report of Forensic Science Laboratory was not received. The petitioner is now in custody since 18.02.2016 after receipt of the report. The prosecution agency has examined three out of 14 witnesses. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has not misused his liberty when he was granted interim bail.

I have considered all the facts and circumstances of the case. This petition is disposed of with an observation that the prosecution agency shall make an earnest endeavour to examine all the remaining witnesses within a period of three months from the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court. In case the prosecution agency is unable to conclude the production of evidence within the period of three months after the next date of hearing, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

May 24, 2016

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