

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

CRM-M No. 13046 of 2016
Date of decision : July 13, 2016

Uttam Kumar @ Deepu

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. JS Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. KS Panoo, 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 ?**

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.157, dated 30.7.2015, registered under Sections 392, 342, 148, 149, 395 of the IPC, at Police Station Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that apart from the

merits of the case, the petitioner has now been in custody for almost one year and, therefore, should be released on bail.

Learned DAG Punjab, on instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh, states that keeping in view the nature of the offence, instead of releasing the petitioner on bail, it would be appropriate to put a time cap on the trial since only five witnesses remain. He has stated that the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 27.10.2016 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Keeping in view the statement of counsel for the respondent, I dismiss this petition at this stage but direct the trial Court to release the petitioner on bail in case the prosecution fails to conclude the evidence on or before 27.10.2016 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

July 13, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE