

CRM-M-15672-2016

Date of Decision : 16.05.2016

Sandeep Kumar @ Deepu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI**Present:** Mr. S.K. Chawla, Advocate
for the petitioner.**M.M.S. BEDI, JUDGE (ORAL)**

The petitioner has been in custody with effect from 30.07.2014 in a case of recovery of 3 kg of opium. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that only two prosecution witnesses have been examined. The petitioner seeks interim bail, in order to enable him to get medical treatment for his old parents and to make efforts to repay certain loans.

Notice to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On asking of Court, notice has been accepted by Ms. Harpreet Kaur Athwal, DAG, Punjab present in the court. Copy given.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner. A similar application for grant of regular bail has been dismissed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court. Counsel for the petitioner has not been able to satisfy this Court regarding the existence of any changed circumstances warranting grant of bail to the petitioner. But since the petitioner has suffered detention for the period approximately about two years, looking at the pace of the trial, I deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition

with a direction to the trial Court to record the statements of all the prosecution witnesses within a period of three months after the next date of hearing. In case the prosecution agency fails to produce all the witnesses, within a period of three months, after the next date of hearing, it will be open to the petitioner to approach this Court again for grant of bail.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

16.05.2016
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