

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

**CRM No. M-15996 of 2016
Date of decision: 30.05.2016**

SUKHWINDER SINGH @ TIDDA **....PETITIONER**

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB **...RESPONDENT**

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

Present: Ms. Surinder Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

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

State counsel has opposed the bail application on the ground that the trial has almost concluded and only one witness remains to be examined.

I have considered the facts and circumstances of the case.

This is third application for bail filed by the petitioner earlier two having been withdrawn. The statement of the material injured witness has already been recorded. Only one witness remains to be examined. It will not be appropriate for this Court to *prima facie* determine the culpability of the petitioner lest it should prejudice the right of the prosecution or the petitioner but interest of justice warrants that taking into consideration the period of custody of petitioner w.e.f. 15.11.2014 and the stage of the trial, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of two months including the period of vacation. In case the trial is not concluded within the period of

two 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.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

May 30, 2016
Divyanshi