

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

CRM-M No.19445 of 2016
Date of decision: 16.09.2016

Rajat Bahlu

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present: Mr. D.S.Gurna, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. A.K.Khurrana, Addl. AG Punjab.

Ajay Tewari, J.(Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.243 dated 09.12.2014 registered under Sections 29 & 18 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that the petitioner is in custody since 17.12.2014 and the trial is not likely to be concluded as eight witnesses remain.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jarnail Singh submits that as regards the delay, same is not justified and it would be appropriate to put a time-cap on the trial and the prosecution will conclude its entire evidence within three months in case the accused does not obstruct the same since only official witnesses remain to be examined.

I find this to be a fair submission. In the circumstances, in view of the undertaking given by the learned Addl. Advocate General on instructions of ASI Jarnail Singh, it is directed that in case the prosecution does not lead its entire evidence on or before 21.12.2016

(subject to the accused not obstructing the same) the petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Consequently, the present petition is dismissed.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

September 16, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned?
2. Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No