

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

CRM-M No.22206 of 2016
Date of decision: 15.09.2016

Balbir Ram & anr.

.... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present: Mr. Ashok Giri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. K.S.Pannu, DAG, Punjab.

Ajay Tewari, J.(Oral)

The petitioners pray for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.89 dated 14.05.2015 registered under Sections 22, 61 and 85 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Phillaur District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has stated that the petitioners are in custody for the last 16 months and the trial is not likely to be concluded as six witnesses remain.

Learned State counsel on instructions from HC Harjeet Singh submits that this is a case of recovery of commercial quantity. He fairly states 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 do 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 Deputy Advocate General, it is directed that in case the prosecution does not lead its entire evidence on or before 15.12.2016 (subject to the accused not

obstructing the same) the petitioners 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 15, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

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

Yes/No
Yes/No