

CRM-M-25431-2016

Date of Decision : 28.09.2016

Mukesh Kumar @ Mukesh Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI**Present:** Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate
for the complainant.**M.M.S. BEDI, JUDGE (ORAL)**

Learned counsel for the petitioner has vehemently contended that the petitioner has been in custody with effect from 12.12.2014 and that the prosecution has not been able to conclude the entire evidence, whereas, the learned State counsel, on the instructions of ASI Harbans Singh, has submitted that out of 28 prosecution witnesses, 25 have already been examined and the trial is fixed for 06.10.2016, when the three remaining witnesses have been summoned.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has also argued that it is a case of only circumstantial evidence where the petitioner has been involved on the basis of misguided suspicion.

Without expression of any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of, at this stage, with a direction that trial Court shall make an earnest endeavour to conclude the trial within the period of three months after the next date of hearing by giving a fair opportunity to the

petitioner to produce the defence evidence. Reference to the evidence produced, has intentionally been avoided, lest it should cause prejudice to the case of the prosecution or the petitioner.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

28.09.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No