

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

CRM-M No. 25922 of 2016
Date of decision : August 12, 2016

Lakhwinder Singh @ Jagga

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. NS Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. KS Pannu, DAG Punjab

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.55, dated 9.3.2015, registered under Sections 392, 395, 397, 398, 400, 341, 148, 149 of the IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that apart from the merits of the case, the petitioner has now been in custody since 24.3.2015 and, therefore, should be released on bail.

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from ASI Balbir Singh, states that keeping in view the nature of the offence, instead of releasing the petitioner on bail, it would be appropriate to put a time cap on the trial. He has stated that the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 23.12.2016 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Keeping in view the statement of counsel for the respondent, I dismiss this petition at this stage but direct the trial Court to release the petitioner on bail in case the prosecution fails to conclude the evidence on or before 23.12.2016 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

August 12, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No