

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

**CRM-M No.25980 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 26.08.2016**

Digvijay Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. S.P.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Sanghi, DAG, Punjab.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.111 dated 18.05.2016 registered under Sections 21, 61, 85 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Division No.7, Ludhiana City, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has now been in custody since 18.05.2016 and despite the lapse of almost 3 months the forensic report has not come and prays that at least till that time the petitioner be released on interim bail.

Learned Deputy Advocate General on instructions from Investigating Officer has accepted that despite reminders the FSL report has not come and that the petitioner has been in custody for almost 3 months.

In my opinion, in the absence of the FSL report it cannot be fair to keep the petitioner in custody indefinitely. Resultantly, the petition is partly allowed and the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, is directed to release the petitioner on interim bail to its satisfaction till the receipt of the FSL report and thereafter to decide the application for bail on merits.

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

26.08.2016

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No