

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26126-2016

Date of decision: October 18, 2016.

Munish Bhargav @ Manish

... **Petitioner**

v.

State of Punjab

... **Respondent**

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI**

Present: Shri R.K. Matto, Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri Shailesh Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

A.B. Chaudhari, J. (Oral):

Heard learned Counsel for the rival parties. The petitioner was arrested on 14.6.2012 and is in jail since then pending trial. Obviously, the period of more than four years has elapsed from the date of his arrest. In that view of the matter, I think though the petitioner was allegedly found in possession of 10 kilograms of opium, a commercial quantity, the factum of his being in custody for the last more than four years entitles him to grant of bail. Hence, the petition is allowed. Bail to the petitioner to the satisfaction of the trial court/CJM concerned.

[**A.B. Chaudhari**]
Judge

October 18, 2016.

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No