

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

(224)

CRM-M-2787-2016

Decided on: February 16, 2016.

Gurpreet Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashan Preet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is stated to be in custody w.e.f. 08.10.2013 on account of commercial quantity of diphenoxylate hydrochloride recovered from him. He remained on interim bail for a long period during the period awaiting the report of Forensic Science Laboratory.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has not misused the liberty granted to him by interim order of the Special Judge, Tarn Taran.

No ground is made out to grant bail to the petitioner, keeping in view the bar under Section 37 of the NDPS Act.

Taking into consideration the fact that only one witness has been examined till date, this petition is disposed of with a direction that the trial Court shall take effective steps to expeditiously dispose of the trial within a period of six months after the next date of hearing. In case, the prosecution agency fails to produce entire evidence within a period of four months and the case is not decided within a period of six months, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

**(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE**

February 16, 2016
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