

CRM-M No. 28158 of 2016

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

CRM-M No. 28158 of 2016
Date of decision : August 26, 2016

Bobby Sharma,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Vipul Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG Punjab

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.42, dated 17.03.2016, registered under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act and Section 18-C of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, at Police Station Haibowal, Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that apart from the merits of the case, the petitioner has now been in custody for five months

and, therefore, should be released on bail.

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from ASI Shingara 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 since challan has been presented and the prosecution will lead its entire evidence within six months 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 28.02.2017 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

August 26, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No