

CRM-M-28218-2016

Date of Decision : 19.08.2016

Mukhtiar Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI**Present:** Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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

Petitioner has been in custody with effect from 14.07.2016 on the allegation of having committed theft of electricity by putting direct wire from the main line without any lawful connection. No doubt penalty of Rs. 1,47,683/- has been imposed on the petitioner but keeping him in under detention till payment of the money, appears to be contrary to the constitutional right of life and liberty.

The petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Illaqa Magistrate without prejudice to the right of the Electricity Department to effect recoveries in accordance with law.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE**19.08.2016***Neha*

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No