

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

CRM-M-29012-2016

Date of Decision: September 19, 2016

Malkiat Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Gopal Singh Nahel, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

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

In view of the commercial quantity of Codeine Phosphate having been recovered from the petitioner, I do not find any ground to grant the concession of bail to the petitioner in view of Section 37 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, but since he has been in custody since 25.02.2015, and only two prosecution witnesses out of thirteen having been examined, I dispose of this petition with a direction that the trial shall be concluded within a period of six months after

the next date of hearing. In case the trial is not concluded within the period of six months after the next date of hearing, the trial Court itself will release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

The prosecution agency is directed to make earnest endeavour to produce the prosecution witnesses.

The trial Court shall give short dates of hearing, giving fair opportunity to the prosecution as well as the petitioner to produce his defence.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

September 19, 2016
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No