

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

CRM-M No.30065 of 2016
Date of decision: 16.09.2016

Rajat Kumar

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present: Mr. Nitin Thatai, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. A.K.Khurrana, Addl. AG Punjab.

Ajay Tewari, J.(Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.161 dated 12.10.2014 registered under Sections 302, 365, 201 of IPC at Police Station Division No.7 District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 20.10.2014 and the trial is not likely to be concluded as seven witnesses have remained.

Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Gurdev Singh submits that as regards the delay, the same is not justified and it would be appropriate to put a time-cap on the trial and the prosecution will conclude its entire evidence within three months in case the accused does not obstruct the same since only official witnesses remain to be examined.

I find this to be a fair submission. In the circumstances, in view of the undertaking given by the learned Addl. Advocate General, it is directed that in case the prosecution does not lead its entire evidence on or before 19.12.2016 (subject to the accused not

obstructing the same) the petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Consequently, the present petition is dismissed.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

September 16, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned?
2. Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No