

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

CRM-M-32694-2016

Date of decision:07.10.2016

Gurinderjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. B.S. Kathuria, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

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

The petitioner was arrested on 27.05.2015, for having been found in possession of 110 grams of intoxicating powder, which contained alprazolam. The commercial quantity prescribed for alprazolam is 100 grams.

Though the petitioner has been arrested from the spot on 27.05.2015, he had been granted the concession of interim bail. After enjoying the interim bail for a long duration, he was taken in custody on 16.10.2015. A period of about one year has elapsed, but out of eleven only three witnesses have been examined. Striking a

balance between the quantity of intoxicating powder (containing alprazolam) and the period of detention having been suffered by the petitioner and also considering the right of the petitioner for expeditious disposal, I deem it appropriate to grant the concession of bail to the petitioner as the quantity of alprazolam is marginally higher than the commercial quantity prescribed. I have also taken into consideration the slow pace at which the trial is proceeding.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court subject to a condition that the petitioner will not indulge in similar activities of which he is accused of in the present case.

October 07, 2016
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(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No