

CRM-M No. 32788 of 2016

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

CRM-M No. 32788 of 2016

Date of decision : September 22, 2016

Soma Singh,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Sarwinder Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. KS Pannu, DAG Punjab

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.80,
dated 3.9.2015, registered under Sections 15/22/61/85 of the NDPS Act,
at Police Station Bakshiwala, District Patiala.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the alleged
recovery in this case is 5 kgs of poppy husk and 1010 intoxicating
tablets, and the petitioner has now been in custody since 3.9.2015 and,

therefore, should be released on bail.

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from ASI Randheer 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 two witnesses remain to be examined. He has stated that the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 27.10.2016 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 27.10.2016 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

September 22, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No