

*IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB  
AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.*

Cr. Misc. M 35877 of 2015  
Date of decision:- 11.3.2016

Kanwarpreet Singh @ Kannu

Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

Respondent

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate.  
Ms. HK Athwal, DAG, Punjab

**M.M.S.BEDI,J.**

The petitioner has been in custody since 8.8.2014 in a case of having injured complainant Manoj Basa as he had launched campaign against drug peddlers and at his instance, friends of the petitioner had been involved in a case under NDPS Act.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that material witnesses have not been examined and that the trial is likely to take a long time.

I have heard counsel for the parties and gone through the record. The period of detention suffered by the petitioner and the stage of the trial can be taken in to consideration for considering the bail petition of the petitioner.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that there are serious contradictions in the medical and ocular version. There is a delay in lodging of the FIR and recording the statements of the witnesses regarding involvement of the petitioner.

The above said contention cannot be appreciated on appraisal of the evidence at this stage.

Dismissed. However, in view of the period of detention suffered

by the petitioner, it is desired that the trial court shall expeditiously record the statements of all the prosecution witnesses and make an endeavour to conclude the trial within a period of three months, after the next date of hearing, fixed before it. In case the trial is not concluded within the said period, it will be open to the petitioner to approach this court again for the grant of regular bail.

Nothing said in this order will prejudice the right of the petitioner during trial.

March 11 ,2016  
TSM

( M.M.S.BEDI )  
JUDGE