

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

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CRM-M-36125-2015

Date of Decision: February 18, 2016

SARDEEP SINGH @ DEEP

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

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

Present: Mr.Vinay Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Jashan Preet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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

The petitioner has been in custody w.e.f. 22.2.2015 for having been found in possession of two liters of intoxicating liquid containing Codeine Phosphate. No witnesses has been examined by the prosecution agency. There does not appear to be any reason for inordinate delay being caused in the trial. Next date of hearing is stated to be i.e. 4.3.2016.

Striking a balance between the right of personal liberty of the petitioner and the provisions of Section 37 of the NDPS Act, I deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition with a direction that prosecution agency shall make earnest endeavor to produce all the prosecution witnesses within a period of five months after the next date of hearing. In case all the witnesses are not produced and trial is not concluded within a period of six months from the next date of hearing, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bond and surety bond to its satisfaction on expiry of above said period.

February 18, 2016
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**(M.M.S.BEDI)
JUDGE**