

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

CRM-M No. 37666 of 2016

Date of decision : November 29, 2016

Ajit Singh @ Jeeta

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Karanjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG Punjab

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.02, dated 25.02.2015, registered under Sections 18, 21, 25, 29, 61, 85 of the NDPS Act, and Sections 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act, at Police Station State Special Operation Cell, Amritsar.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has been in custody for 1 year and 2 months; he was not named in the secret information nor was he arrested from the spot, and was arrested after 7

months because he was in custody in another case.

Custody certificate by way of affidavit of Raja Navdeep Singh, Officiating Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar has been filed. As per the same, the petitioner has undergone 1 year 2 months and 3 days of custody. Learned Addl. AG Punjab states that though the petitioner was arrested after seven months yet keeping in view the fact that he was a previous convict and recovery in the present case is 50 kgs of heroine, instead of releasing him on bail, it would be appropriate to put a time cap on the trial. She has stated that the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 28.2.2017 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 28.2.2017 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Copy of this order be sent to the AIG, Incharge of the SSOC, Amritsar forthwith.

November 29, 2016

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether Reportable:**

**Yes/No
Yes/No**

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