

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

CRM-M No. 39720 of 2016
Date of decision : November 11, 2016

Sanjay Kumar

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Deepak Arora, 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.41,
dated 21.03.2015, registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, at Police
Station Division No.2, Jalandhar.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that apart from the
merits of the case, the petitioner has now been in custody for 13 months
and, therefore, should be released on bail.

Counsel for the respondent 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. She has stated that the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 23.12.2016 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 23.12.2016 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

November 11, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No