

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

CRM-M No. 41751 of 2016

Date of decision : December 05, 2016

Kuldeep Singh @ Laddi

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for Mr. SPS Sidhu, 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.7,
dated 8.1.2015, registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, at Police
Station Kulgarhi, District Ferozepur.

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

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from ASI Mehtab 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. She has stated that the prosecution will lead its entire evidence within three months 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 31.3.2017 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Copy of this order be sent to the SSP Ferozepur forthwith.

December 05, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No