

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

(216)

**CRM-M-42667-2015 (O&M)
Decided on: February 24, 2016.**

Puneet Pal @ Dhillu

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the credibility of the complainant stands impeached by the improvements made by him while appearing on oath in the Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

Without expression of any opinion on appreciation of evidence at this stage, which might cause prejudice to the prosecution or the petitioner, taking into consideration the fact that the petitioner has been in custody w.e.f. 17.10.2014, I deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition at this stage with a direction that the prosecution agency shall make earnest endeavour to produce all the witnesses within a period of four months after the next date of hearing as the snail's pace at which the witnesses are being produced is a matter of concern. The prosecution agency has been able to examine only four witnesses out of twenty four witnesses though the petitioner has been in custody since October, 2014.

This petition is disposed of as withdrawn at this stage, on the statement of learned counsel for the petitioner but a direction is issued that the prosecution agency will produce all the prosecution witnesses within four months. The trial Court shall give short dates. In case, all the witnesses are not examined within a period of four months after the next date of hearing, it will be open to the petitioner to approach this Court again for grant of regular bail.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

February 24, 2016
harsha