

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

CRM-M No. 44665 of 2016
Date of decision : December 20, 2016

Gurwinder Singh @ Ginda

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Ms. Navdeep, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. KS Pannu, DAG Punjab

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.30,
dated 30.04.2015, registered under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act,
at Police Station Nurmahal, Jalandhar.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that apart from the
merits of the case, the petitioner has now been in custody for 10 months
and 10 days and, therefore, should be released on bail.

Counsel for the respondent states that keeping in view the

nature of the offence and the fact that there are only 9 official witnesses, instead of releasing the petitioner on bail, it would be appropriate to put a time cap on the trial. He 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 21.03.2017 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Copy of this order be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Jaladhar forthwith.

December 20, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No