

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

(218)

CRM-M-6809-2016

Decided on: May 04, 2016.

Pritam Singh @ Peeta

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Harkaran Singh, Advocate, for
Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

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

For having been found in possession of 250 grams of intoxicant powder containing alprazolam, the petitioner was arrested on 08.07.2014. The petitioner was granted interim bail on 06.12.2014 which was cancelled on receipt of report of chemical examiner. After cancellation of bail, the petitioner was taken in custody.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the petitioner has not misused the liberty granted, he can be granted concession of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner in context to the provisions of Section 37 of the NDPS Act and I am of the opinion that the petitioner, in view of quantity of intoxicant powder recovered from his possession, cannot be granted concession of bail.

The petition is disposed of with a direction that the trial Court shall make earnest endeavour to record the statements of all the prosecution witnesses within a period of five months and conclude the trial within a period of six months after the next date of hearing. In case, the trial is not concluded within a period of six months, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

May 04, 2016
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