

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.

CRM M-7134 of 2016

Date of Decision: October 3, 2016

Gulab Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

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Present:- Mr.A.S. Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. H.K. Athwal, DAG, Punjab.

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

The petitioner has been in custody w.e.f. May 21, 2014 in case registered at the instance of Leela Singh alleging that Kamaldeep Singh had been beaten by Jarnail Singh and others including the petitioner.

On asking of the Court, it has been informed that 11 witnesses out of 16 are yet to be examined.

With the assistance of State counsel I have gone through the proceedings and I am of the opinion that as the witnesses are being produced at leisure and the trial is being proceeded at a snails pace, a direction is issued to the trial Court to ensure that the prosecution witnesses are

examined expeditiously taking into consideration the period of detention suffered by the petitioner.

Without expression of any opinion on merits at this stage, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to make earnest endeavour to conclude the recording of the statements of the prosecution witnesses within a period of six months from the next date of hearing. In case the trial is not concluded within a period of six months, it will be open to the petitioner to approach this Court again for grant of regular bail.

October 3, 2016
sanjay

(M.M.S.BEDI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/ No.
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No.