

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

CRM-M No. 8887 of 2016
Date of decision : July 13, 2016

Manpreet @ Bablu

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. DS Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG Punjab

- 1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?**
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not ?**
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest ?**

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR
No.126, dated 4.9.2014, registered under Section 21/61/85 of the NDPS
Act, at Police Station Sadar Kapurthala.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that apart from the

merits of the case, the petitioner has now been in custody for more than one year and, therefore, should be released on bail.

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, on instructions from HC Jarnail 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 on or before 31.10.2016 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 31.10.2016 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

July 13, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE