

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

CRM-M-30670-2017

Date of Decision: 15.09.2017

Vipin

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of U.T., Chandigarh

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Jasreet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepinder S. Brar, Additional Public Prosecutor,
for U.T., Chandigarh.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has remained in detention for almost eight months now since his arrest on 22.01.2017.

[2]. Ld. counsel for U.T., Chandigarh on instructions from H.C.-Rajinder Singh submits that the earlier submission made before this Court on 25.08.2017 to the effect that three prosecution witnesses had already been examined was erroneous/based on wrong information, and that the actual fact is that till now evidence from the prosecution side in the trial is still to commence. The next date fixed for this purpose in the Trial Court is now 28th of this month.

[3]. In this view of the matter and considering the long detention of the petitioner, who is admittedly not involved in any other case of similar nature, and from whom the contraband seized was less than the commercial quantity, at this stage, he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Trial Court concerned with a further direction to report at his local Police Station once a week during pendency of the trial.

15.09.2017

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes |
| 2. Whether reportable: | No |