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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23224-2017
Date of Decision: 06.03.2018

Ankit Chhatwal

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Gautam Dutt, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

Ld. Counsel for the petitioner seeks bail on the ground that cross-examination of the Investigating Officer, conducted on 28.02.2018 would virtually give away the alleged *mala fide* motives behind implication of the petitioner falsely in this case.

[2]. This Court has gone through the concerned statements in cross-examination of PW-1, but at this fag end stage of the trial is not inclined to pre-judge the matter since it also transpires that the cross-examination was deferred at the own request of the defence side.

[3]. Faced with this, Ld. Counsel for the petitioner seeks a direction upon the Ld. Trial Court to endeavour to complete the trial on a day-to-day basis as already directed in the earlier order passed on 16.02.2018.

[4]. There is some substance in the last submission.

[5]. As such, the present petition for bail is disposed off at this stage after observing that while the petitioner shall continue to remain in custody,

but from the next date onwards which is 21.03.2018, the Ld. Trial Court shall proceed to complete the trial on a day-to-day basis as far as practicable, and to endeavour to conclude the same preferably within six weeks from the date of communication of this order.

06.03.2018

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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