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

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Date of Decision : 21.5.2019**

Balwinder Singh

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present: Mr. H.S.Batth, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seek grant of regular bail in case FIR No.5, dated 25.5.2018, registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act 1985 registered at Police Station Kacha Pacca, District Tarn Taran.

Counsel for the petitioner has stated that the petitioner has been in custody for 8 months approximately as on 30.4.2019.

Custody certificate dated 30.4.2019 by way of affidavit of Rajiv Kumar Arora, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State, the same is taken on record. Copy has been supplied to the opposite counsel. The custody certificate corroborate the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for 7 months and 16 days as on 30.4.2019.

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Learned Deputy Advocate General on instructions from HC Jagjeet Singh has stated that 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 i.e. six in number on or before 26.8.2019 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

I find this to be a fair submission. Consequently, even while dismissing this petition, the Trial Court is directed to release the petitioner on regular bail in case the prosecution fails to conclude its entire evidence on or before 26.8.2019 subject to the accused not obstructing the same.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands dismissed.

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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned - Yes/No

Whether reportable - Yes/No