

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

**CRM-M-26955-2017
Date of decision : 1.12.2017**

Bhajan Singh alias Bhaja

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present : Mr. Manvinder Singh Bal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the State has filed custody certificate mentioning the period of imprisonment undergone by the petitioner. The same is taken on record, which goes to show that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 3 years 4 months and 16 days.

As per report received from the trial Court, till date only one PW has been examined, the reason given for the delay is that one of the accused namely Gurjeet Singh has expired and then supplementary challan had been presented by the police and then Jagjeet Singh accused had absented during the Court. It seems that the trial Court is not taking the matter seriously. The trial Court should have explored the possibility of

separating the challan of accused Bhajan Singh @ Bhaja and then conclude the trial at the earliest. The trial Court is directed to look into that aspect and then make earnest endeavor to conclude the trial of Bhajan Singh alias Bhaja who is behind bars for more than 3 years, within a period of 6 months from the date of receipt of copy of this order in the Court. Short dates for examination of the prosecution witnesses be given. State counsel has stated that the prosecution would ensure the presence of the PWs summoned for particular dates.

Let it be so done.

At this stage learned counsel for the petitioner prays for permission to withdraw the petition.

Allowed as prayed for.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

Intimation be sent to the quarter concerned.

(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

1.12.2017

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1. Whether reportable? **No**

2. Whether speaking / reasoned? **Yes**