

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

CRM-M-41979 of 2016

Date of Decision: May 24, 2017

Gurjeet Singh @ Sonu Baba

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. H.S. Gill, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Nitin Rampal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. KDS Sidhu, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J.

Learned State counsel has placed on record reply by way of an affidavit of Mr. Harvinder Singh Sandhu, PPS, Superintendent of Police Sub Division Phagwara, District Kapurthala, wherein it is the categorical stand of the State that all the accused wherever they are lodged there is a facility of video conferencing and they have ensured that trial will proceed as per law by adverting to this process. Upon hearing the two sides and on perusal of the records it is in abundance reflected that the trial is not proceeding on account of reticence and insolence on the part of the quarters concerned and thus needs to be pushed for undergoing their respective obligations.

In the light of the stand of the State the present petition stands disposed off with the directions to all the Superintendent of the

concerned jails where the accused are presently lodged as well as to the trial Court where the present trial is pending to resort to such means and to ensure that the witnesses are examined and trial is undertaken through video conferencing by adopting the prescribed procedure and to ensure that the trial which has been lingering since long time is held by giving short adjournments and wherever necessitated to adopt coercive means to ensure speedy trial else this Court shall be constrained to take appropriate stringent action and in case the grievance of the petitioners subsists they move for its redressal.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No