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

**CRM-M-8506-2018
Date of Decision: 27.02.2018**

Kuldip Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. HPS Bhinder, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA J. (ORAL)

Notice of motion.

[2]. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State. Let a copy of the paper-book be supplied to him during the course of the day.

[3]. In this petition, the petitioner seeks a direction upon Ld. Trial Court to expedite the pending trial.

[4]. His grievance is that challan was submitted on 10.09.2015 and charges were framed on 04.11.2015. Thereafter more than two years have passed but only two witnesses from the prosecution side out of the 12 witnesses cited in the challan have been examined.

[5]. Undisputedly, the right to speedy trial is in the nature of Fundamental Rights of the citizen. The way in which the trial in the present case is proceeding is not very encouraging.

[6]. Consequently, the present petition is disposed off with a direction upon Ld. Trial Court to make an endeavour to complete trial as expeditiously as possible and preferably within six months from the date of communication of this order.

27.02.2018

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

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