

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

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CRM-M-1700-2020

Date of decision: 27.02.2020

Baj Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Ranjodh Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Kaundal, DAG, Punjab for the respondent.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present (first) petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.257 dated 02.11.2017 registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, "the NDPS Act") at Police Station Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran.

After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition may be dismissed as withdrawn at this stage with direction to the Trial Court to expedite the trial.

Dismissed as withdrawn at this stage.

In view of the observations made by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Doongar Singh Vs. State of Rajasthan 2018 (1) RCR Criminal 256*; *State of U.P. Vs. Shambhu Nath Singh and others, 2001 (2) R.C.R. (Criminal) 390*; *Hussain and another Vs. Union of India 2017(2) RCR Criminal 312* and *Thana Singh Vs. Central Bureau of Narcotics 2013(1) R.C.R(Criminal) 861*, the Trial Court is

directed to expedite the trial and conclude recording of prosecution evidence preferably within a period of two months by conducting trial on day to day basis by allocating block of dates for the trial as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court and by issuing coercive process for securing presence of the witnesses, if so required.

In case of non-appearance of official witnesses, the Trial Court shall take appropriate action against the concerned police officials absenting without any lawful excuse by filing complaint under Section 174 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or taking proceedings under Section 350 of the Cr.P.C. against them.

A copy of this order be sent to the Trial Court concerned for requisite compliance.

27.02.2020

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

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