

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

CRM-M-26900-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.11.2020

Baljinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Surinder Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghuman, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

This second petition for regular bail has been filed by petitioner Baljinder Singh, an accused in FIR No.80 dated 28.07.2019, for an offence under Section 306 IPC, registered with Police Station Haryana, District Hoshiarpur.

The petition for regular bail filed by petitioner Baljinder Singh was dismissed, vide detailed order dated 01.06.2020, passed in CRM-M-6070-2020, copy of which has been placed on record by counsel for the petitioner as Annexure P5. There has not been any change in circumstances since then, which might have warranted consideration of the matter of grant of regular bail to the petitioner afresh. Although, learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that there has been little progress in the trial but the delay in completion of the trial cannot be

attributed to the prosecution, since on account of outbreak of COVID-19, the functioning of the Courts had been affected. However, since situation is improving, physical hearings in the Courts at District level have resumed, the Courts at district level are required to take up cases of the accused in custody on priority basis, it is expected that since the petitioner/accused is in custody, the trial Court would make sincere efforts to complete the trial at the earliest by giving short adjournments, declining to defer the hearing except for valid justifiable reasons, which are to be recorded in the interim order. The petitioner is expected not to ask for adjournment for the purpose of cross examination of PWs or for any other reason. The present petition is doomed for failure and is dismissed accordingly.

18.11.2020

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No