

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

CRM-M-30896-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 15.12.2020

Ravinder Kumar @ Binder

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. R.S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

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**H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)**

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the trial is moving at a very slow pace and the petitioner shall be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Court concerned to expedite the trial. Of course, expeditious trial is right of every litigant. On account of unprecedented situation due to outbreak of COVID-19, functioning of the Courts in the region has been adversely affected, though, things are returning to normal and physical hearings are getting resumed.

Learned State counsel states that every endeavour would be made to complete the trial expeditiously. He has informed that out of 10 PWs cited, 02 PWs have been examined.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed. However, a direction is issued to the trial Court to make earnest efforts to conclude

the trial expeditiously by giving short adjournments, refusing to grant adjournment except for a justifiable reason. Of course, no unnecessary adjournment would be asked on behalf of the accused, if trial is to proceed expeditiously. The necessary exercise be completed preferably within a period of 06 months from the date of receipt of copy of order there.

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**(H.S. MADAAN)**  
**JUDGE**

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