

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARAYANA AT CHANDIGARH

202 (PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)

CRM-M-30948-2020

Date of decision: 30.10.2020

PARMINDER SINGH

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. G.S.Madaan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Grewal, Addl. A.G. Punjab,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is not in dispute that the petitioner is in custody for more than 3 years now, nor is it disputed that the evidence of the prosecution stands concluded. The onus now is upon the petitioner to lead his evidence in defence.

Earlier because of the pandemic, physical hearing in the Court was not being conducted but now partial hearing of the cases through physical appearance has been permitted especially in the cases of accused who are in custody. Although the co-accused of the petitioner has been released on bail but this Court would prefer to dispose of the present petition at this stage with directions to the trial Court to proceed with the trial and grant opportunity to the petitioner to lead his evidence so that the trial could be concluded at the earliest.

It has been brought to the notice of the Court that the next date of hearing before the trial Court is 03.11.2020.

Let the trial Court be approached by the petitioner for physical hearing of the case so that the defence evidence can be recorded and the trial concluded at the earliest.

With these observations, the present petition stands disposed of giving liberty to the petitioner to approach this Court in case the proceedings before the trial Court are not concluded within a period of three months provided the defence does not delay the proceedings and cooperate.

October 30, 2020

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No