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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.33829 of 2020 (O&M)
Decided on: 03.11.2020

Rohit

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Ms. Arti Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this 2nd petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.84 dated 25.10.2017 registered under Sections 302, 201, 120-B, 34 IPC at Police Station Sadar Banga, District S.B.S. Nagar.

The earlier one was dismissed as withdrawn on 10.01.2020.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that even on the day, when the first application was withdrawn, the case was fixed for defence evidence and the trial Court was directed to conclude the trial expeditiously, however, the case is still at the same stage and the petitioner as on today, has undergone more than 03 years and not involved in any other case.

Counsel for the State could not dispute the factual position and the case is still at the stage of recording of defence evidence and the trial perhaps is not moving on account of the COVID-19 situation.

CASE HEARD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

In view of the above, this petition is disposed of and the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within a period of 04 months from today.

It will be open for the trial Court to record the defence evidence through video conferencing or by holding actual Court.

Since a similar direction was issued way-back in January, 2020, which was not followed, it is made clear that no further extension will be given to the trial Court to conclude the trial.

Disposed of.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

03.11.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No