

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

CRM-M-14090 of 2021

Date of Decision: 23.09.2021

Santokh Singh

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Himanshu Chhabra, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

This petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking directions to Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala to decide criminal trial of PC/5/2018 dated 17.8.2016, titled as “State of Punjab v. Santokh Singh” in FIR No. 5 dated 25.2.2015 under Section 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Patiala.

Learned counsel for the State appearing on advance notice submits that out of 74 prosecution witnesses, 36 witnesses have been examined. She further submits that there was delay due to COVID-19 situation.

At this stage, no further directions are called for.

The petition is disposed of.

However, the petitioner would be at liberty to make a request before the court concerned for expeditious trial. There is no doubt that in case such a request is made, the same would be considered in accordance with law.

**[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE**

23rd September, 2021

mk	1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
	2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No