

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

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CRM-M-23159-2021

Date of Decision: 02.08.2021

SURJIT SINGH ALIAS LUCKY

...Petitioner

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.S. WALIA

Present: Mr. Anureet Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG, Punjab.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Faced with the decision of Hon'ble the Supreme Court in **State of Kerala Vs. Rajesh, 2020(1) RCR (Criminal) 818**, as also of the recovery of contraband from the petitioner being of commercial quantity, learned counsel for the petitioner states that he does not press the instant petition at this stage and the same may be disposed of by directing the learned trial Court to expedite the trial in view of the petitioner having been in custody since 06.08.2020.

3. The same is not opposed to by learned State counsel.

4. Accordingly, in view of the statement of learned counsel for the petitioner and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the instant petition is disposed of as not pressed. However, the learned

trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and to conclude the same in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible and in any case within 9 months from today.

5. Disposed of with the aforementioned directions.

(B.S. WALIA)
JUDGE

02.08.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No