

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

CRM-M-25764 of 2020

DATE OF DECISION :- February 26, 2021

Harpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India through Narcotics Control Bureau, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Karan Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjay Vashisht, Addl. PP for NCB-respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that he be permitted to withdraw the present petition but a direction be issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

On being asked, learned Senior panel counsel has informed that charge is yet to be framed in this case and proceedings in the case are held up since the accused were insisting that charge be framed against them while they are physically present in the Court and not through Video Conferencing. Now physical hearings in the Courts at District level have resumed completely, the trial Court may summon the accused on the next date of hearing stated to fixed as 16.3.2021 and thereafter fix short dates for recording statements of prosecution witnesses. Every endeavor should be made to conclude the prosecution evidence within 6 months from the date of framing of charge. Learned counsel appearing for Narcotics Control Bureau is to ensure that witnesses are present in the Court on the dates fixed by the

trial Court, of course accused shall not seek any adjournment except for a justifiable reason which is to be recorded in the interim order by the trial Court. With such observations, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

A copy of this order be sent to the trial Court through District and Sessions Judge concerned.

(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

February 26, 2021
p.singh

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No