

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

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(1)

CRM-M-30866-2020

Date of decision: 07.04.2021

Nishan Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

(2)

CRM-M-32074-2020

Date of decision: 07.04.2021

Harpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. H.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-30866-2020.

Mr. L.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-32074-2020.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J. (ORAL)

(The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.)

Petitioner-Nishan Singh has filed CRM-M-30866-2020 and petitioner-Harpreet Singh has filed CRM-32074-2020 under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, "the Cr.P.C.") for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.120 dated 09.08.2019 registered under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar (Rural).

After arguing for some time and highlighting delay in recording of prosecution evidence, learned Counsel for the petitioners have submitted that the petitioners do not want to continue with the

present petitions and the same may be dismissed as withdrawn at this stage with directions to the trial Court to expedite the trial.

Dismissed as withdrawn at this stage.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and observations made by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Doongar Singh Vs. State of Rajasthan 2018 (1) RCR Criminal 256*, *State of U.P. Vs. Shambhu Nath Singh and others, 2001 (2) R.C.R. (Criminal) 390*, *Hussain and another Vs. Union of India 2017(2) RCR Criminal 312* and *Thana Singh Vs. Central Bureau of Narcotics 2013(1) R.C.R(Criminal) 861*, the trial Court is directed to expedite trial and conclude prosecution evidence expeditiously preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of copy of this order by conducting trial on day to day basis as far as possible and by allocating block of dates for the trial as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court and by issuing coercive process for securing presence of the witnesses, if so required.

In case of non-appearance of any of the other prosecution witnesses, the trial Court shall take appropriate action against the concerned prosecution witness absenting without any lawful excuse by filing complaint under Section 174 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or taking proceedings under Section 350 of the Cr.P.C. against him.

A copy of this order be sent to the trial Court concerned for requisite compliance.

07.04.2021

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

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