

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

207/A

CRM-M-30432-2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: 29.10.2021

Kuljit Singh @ Gandhi

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Jatana, Advocate for the complainant.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner in case F.I.R. No.84 dated 01.07.2019 under Sections 148 and 302 IPC read with Section 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.

Status report dated 27.10.2021 has been received from Trial Court (appended with CRM-M-8439-2020), in terms of which, evidence of prosecution was concluded on 12.10.2021 and thereafter statements of accused as envisaged under Section 313 Cr.P.C. were recorded on 14.10.2021. Further, it is mentioned that two defence witnesses have already been examined and now the case is fixed for today before the Trial Court for leading defence evidence.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since petitioner is languishing in custody for the last more than quarter past two years and the trial has reached at its fag end, Trial Court may be asked to expedite the trial and conclude the same within four months positively.

Since petitioner is languishing in custody for the last more than quarter past two years and the case is already fixed for leading defence evidence, Trial Court is directed to make earnest and sincere efforts to conclude the trial by giving short adjournments. Further, it is desired that trial of instant case FIR may be concluded preferably within four months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Instant petition stands disposed of in the abovesaid terms.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

29.10.2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No