

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

(Sr. No. 227)

CRM-M No. 35890 of 2021

Date of decision : 26.10.2021

Mangal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Ms. Puja Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Gunkirat Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No. 87 dated 12.12.2019 registered under Section 377 IPC and Section 4 POCSO Act at Police Station - Singh Bhagwant Pur, district Rupnagar.

Since 14 out of 16 witnesses cited by the prosecution have already been examined before the Trial Court, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at the fag end of the petitioner's trial, she does not press the present petition on merits and would be satisfied if the same is disposed of with a direction to the Trial Court to finally dispose of the petitioner's trial in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel has no objection to the above alternate prayer made on behalf of the petitioner.

After considering the above alternate prayer made on behalf of

the petitioner and because every undertrial has a right to speedy trial as also because the petitioner is in custody since 13.12.2019, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the State to produce the remaining two witnesses of the prosecution within one month from the date next fixed before the Trial Court with a further direction to the Trial Court to finally disposed of the petitioner's trial within two months thereafter. These directions are of course subject to the cooperation of the petitioner.

26.10.2021*sunil yadav***(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No