

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

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CRM-M-31711-2019

Date of Decision: 11.11.2021

Sukhpal Singh @ Pal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for withdrawal of instant petition with further submission that trial of instant case FIR is going at snail's pace as out of total twelve (12) prosecution witnesses, only five (05) prosecution witnesses have been examined till date. He further submits that as petitioner is languishing in custody since 14.01.2019, Trial Court may be asked to expedite the trial and conclude the same in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel submits that next date of hearing before Trial Court is 23.11.2021. He further submits that earnest and sincere efforts shall be made at the instance of Prosecuting Agency to examine the remainder of prosecution witnesses and that too while seeking short adjournments.

In view of above, instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn. However, as petitioner is languishing in custody since 14.01.2019, Trial Court is directed to make earnest and sincere efforts to expedite and conclude the trial within four (04) months positively from the next date of hearing before said Court.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

11.11.2021

Varinder Prashad

Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No