

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

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**CRM-M-3069-2020  
Date of decision: 13.01.2021**

**LAKHA SINGH**

**.....Petitioner**

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**.....Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI**

Present : Mr. Namit Khurana, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Multani, Asstt. A.G.Punjab  
for the respondent-State.

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**ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)**

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

The petitioner has filed the present third petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 271 dated 20.11.2017 registered under Sections 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana.

Custody certificate has been filed by learned State counsel through e-mail, print out of which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner does not want to continue with the present petition and the same may be dismissed as withdrawn at this stage.

Dismissed as withdrawn at this stage.

In view of the 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 preferably within a period of two months from resumption of physical hearing 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.

**13.01.2021**  
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**(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)**  
**JUDGE**

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