

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

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CRM-M-8436-2021

Date of Decision: 12.05.2022

Amarjit Singh @ Sonu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner at the very outset prays for withdrawal of instant petition with further submission that as petitioner is languishing in custody since 02.09.2019 and trial of the case is proceeding at snail's pace, Trial Court may be asked to expedite the trial and conclude the same in a time bound manner.

Faced with this situation, learned State counsel submits that out of total thirteen (13) witnesses, four (04) witnesses have already been examined and trial is fixed for today before the Court concerned. 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In view of above, instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

Since petitioner is languishing in custody for the last about quarter to three years and especially the fact that trial is not proceeding at its appropriate pace and speedy trial is a fundamental right implicit in the guarantee of life and personal liberty enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India, Trial Court is directed to make earnest and sincere efforts to examine the remainder of prosecution witnesses by giving short adjournments and it is desired that trial of the case is concluded within four months positively from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

12.05.2022

Varinder Prashad

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No