

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

(207)

CRM-M-19569-2022

Date of Decision : August 30, 2022

Surjit Kumar alias Jeetu

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, AAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that in the present petition though the prayer of the petitioner is for the grant of regular bail but as the petitioner is in custody for the last more than three years, he will be satisfied at this stage if appropriate direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Inderpreet Singh Kang, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that he has no objection for the prayer of the petitioner for directing the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

14 prosecution witnesses are to be examined during the trial in question, out of which 5 witnesses have already been examined. The remaining witnesses are the official witnesses. That being so, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial positively within a period of four months from the next date of hearing by giving short adjournments and binding the witnesses to be examined for their testimony in accordance with law.

Present petition is disposed of in above terms.

August 30, 2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No