

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-20084-2022
Date of Decision :12.07.2022

Gurpreet Singh @ Sony

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Anureet S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner is in custody for the last 02 years, 07 months and 10 days and the trial is likely to take some time before it concludes as out of the 24 witnesses, none has been examined so far. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though, the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner but, the petitioner will be satisfied in case the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and raises no objection for the grant prayer as being made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Keeping in view the fact that the charges have already been framed on 11.12.2020 and no justification has come forward for non-

examination of the witnesses by the trial Court for the last more than one and a half year, in order to mitigate the prejudice being caused by the petitioner, trial Court is directed to make all efforts be made to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing.

Petition stands disposed off in above terms.

July 12, 2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No