

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-28539-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-5.8.2022

Mani Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Manjot Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Satnam Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, Asst. A.G., Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Custody certificate of the petitioner has been filed by learned
State counsel, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be
permitted to withdraw the instant petition at this stage.

In view of the aforesaid request, the present petition is dismissed
as withdrawn at this stage with liberty to file afresh in case there is inordinate
delay in conclusion of the trial.

However, keeping in view the fact that as on date 3 out of cited
14 PWs have been examined and while also bearing in mind the long custody
of the petitioner, this Court deems it appropriate to issue the following
directions:

- (i) The trial Court shall frame a schedule of dates in advance for summoning the witnesses and shall also endeavour to record the statements of the PWs whose presence is duly secured. Special Messengers be deputed for securing the presence of the PWs. If deemed necessary, a letter may be written to the Senior Superintendent of Police, concerned, for getting the needful done for ensuring timely presence of PWs.
- (ii) The prosecution is directed to ensure the presence of all the PWs before the trial Court on the dates as may be fixed by the trial Court for recording prosecution evidence. The District Attorney concerned to take necessary steps for the purpose of securing the presence of the remaining PWs.

5.8.2022

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No