

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

**CRM-M-34217-2021
Date of decision: 23.03.2022**

Amit Malik @ Bhura

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

(Through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 158 dated 28.04.2017, registered under Sections 302, 34 of the IPC and Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Section 120-B IPC added later on) at Police Station Zirakpur, District S. A. S. Nagar.

On 16.11.2021, it was noticed that on an earlier occasion, vide order dated 16.02.2021, the earlier bail application of the petitioner was dismissed with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously, however, the trial could not be concluded and an explanation was sought from the trial Court in this regard.

In pursuance thereof, the trial Court has submitted an explanation that with the supplementary challan, 06 more witnesses were referred and 17 witnesses have been examined so far and as many as 07 witnesses have been given up. It is further stated that the trial was delayed

due to restricted working of the courts on account of COVID-19 pandemic and the same will be concluded within a period of four months.

Learned State counsel submits that out of total 39 prosecution witnesses, 30 witnesses have already been examined and 07 witnesses have been given up.

Faced with this, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the long custody of the petitioner, the trial Court may be directed to conclude the trial expeditiously.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously, preferably within a period of four months from today.

The explanation submitted by the Additional Sessions Judge, S.A.S. Nagar is accepted.

23.03.2022

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No