

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

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CRM M-36514 of 2022

Date of Decision: August 18, 2022

Rajinder Kumar @ Raju

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Arjun Veer Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has filed the instant petition with a prayer to direct the trial Court to expedite the trial registered vide case bearing No. NDPS/70/2020 titled as “**State Vs. Mohan Lal @ Kala and others**”, arisen out of the FIR No. 95 dated 25.02.2020, registered under Sections 22, 25 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Sections 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC (added lateron), at Police Station City, District Barnala (Annexure P-1) in a time bound manner, preferably, within a period of six months.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was falsely implicated in the instant case and the recovery was planted on him. After completion of the investigation, the challan was presented against the petitioner and 16 other co-accused before the learned Special Court, Barnala on 22.08.2020 and total 99 PW's have been cited in the list of witnesses, which has been annexed as Annexure P-2. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner and

other co-accused are in custody for more than 02 years and 06 months, but till date, no PW's have been examined. He further submits that long dates of 3/4 weeks are being given by the trial Court, despite specific directions by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and gone through the averments made in the instant petition.

No zimini orders have been placed on the file to show that the trial has been delayed by the trial Court without any justification. Moreover, the petitioner has stated in para No. 8 of the petition that he had approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court seeking regular bail and vide order dated 06.05.2022 (Annexure P-3), the Hon'ble Supreme Court disposed off the bail application filed by the petitioner. It is apparent from Annexure P-3 that Hon'ble Supreme Court has already directed the trial Court to expedite the process and conclude the proceedings as early as possible.

In view of the directions made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and also in view of the fact that nothing has been placed on the record to show the delay in trial by the learned trial Court, no further interference is required by this Court.

Dismissed.

August 18, 2022

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No