

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

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CRM-M-40260-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.04.2022

Malkeet Singh @ Dhattu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Ramnish Puri, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner after arguing at length, when the Court was not inclined to grant concession of bail, prays for withdrawal of instant petition with further submission that since petitioner is languishing in custody w.e.f. 24.02.2020 and till date not even a single prosecution witness has been examined, Trial Court may be asked to expedite the trial and conclude the same at the earliest.

Faced with this situation, learned State counsel submits that next date of hearing before Trial Court is 04.05.2022 for recording prosecution evidence. He further submits that earnest and sincere efforts shall be made at the instance of Prosecuting Agency to examine prosecution witnesses and that too while seeking short adjournments.

In view of above, instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

As petitioner is languishing in custody since 24.02.2020 and speedy trial is a fundamental right implicit in the guarantee of life and personal liberty enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India, Trial Court is directed to make earnest and sincere efforts to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

25.04.2022

Varinder Prashad

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No