

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

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CRM-M-42597-2021

Date of Decision: 12.05.2022

Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Anil Kumar Spehia, Advocate for petitioner.

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

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Status report dated 07.04.2022 as well as status report dated 27.04.2022 have been received from Trial Court, in terms of which, efforts are being made to conclude the trial at the earliest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that testimonies of prosecution witnesses have already been recorded and now the case is fixed for recording statement of accused as envisaged under Section 313 Cr.P.C. He prays for withdrawal of instant petition with further submission that as petitioner is languishing in custody w.e.f. 12.12.2018, 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 18.05.2022 for recording statement of accused as envisaged under Section 313 Cr.P.C. He further submits that

earnest and sincere efforts shall be made at the instance of Prosecuting Agency to expedite the trial of the case.

In view of above, instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

As per status report dated 27.04.2022 received from Trial Court, the trial of instant case FIR is at its fag end and further vide status report dated 07.04.2022, Trial Court has sought two months' time to conclude the trial, thus, request for concluding the trial within two months is accepted and Trial Court is directed to conclude the trial of instant case FIR within two months positively from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

12.05.2022
Varinder Prashad

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