

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

CRM-M-40288-2022(O&M)

Date of decision: 27.09.2022

Narayan Dass

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Navkiran Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, Sr. DAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this second petition is for issuance of directions to the concerned Additional Sessions Judge, (JSC), Bathinda, to complete the trial of case bearing FIR No. 100 dated 11.07.2019 registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Maur, District Bathinda, expeditiously preferably within a period of three months as the petitioner has undergone more than 02 years and 10 months of incarceration.

On 06.09.2022, it was submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the challan was presented in the present case on 07.01.2020, but till date, out of 27 prosecution witnesses, the chief of only one witness was recorded.

In compliance of the order dated 06.09.2022, learned Additional Sessions Judge (JSC), Bathinda, vide letter dated 17.09.2022 has submitted

that the petitioner has been in custody since 28.11.2019 and the case has been kept in the category of urgent cases, some of the witnesses who were not coming despite service, for procuring their presence bailable warrants and attachment of salary to the extent of bailable warrants amount have been issued.

Learned State counsel submits that out of 27 prosecution witnesses, 06 witnesses have been examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have also gone through the documents on record.

Perusal of the report dated 17.09.2022 of the learned Additional Sessions Judge (JSC), Bathinda, would itself reveal that the learned trial Court is making an endeavour to record the statement of the remaining witnesses.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that she does not want to press the present petition.

Dismissed as not pressed.

27.09.2022

Mangal Singh

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No