

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

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**CRM-M-47007-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.03.2022**

Devi Lal ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Ms. Riffi Bala, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Gurmail Singh.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Learned State counsel has informed that out of 24 cited PWs, 20 PWs already stand examined and while 2 out of remaining 4 PWs are formal witnesses, examination-in-chief of other 2 have already been recorded and the next date fixed before the trial Court for recording prosecution evidence is 28.03.2022.

In view of the aforestated position, this Court is of the opinion that at this fag end of trial, it would not be appropriate to release the petitioner on bail. The petition, as such, is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to take all necessary steps for expeditious conclusion of trial subject of course to the cooperation extended by the defence counsel as well. In case, there is any inordinate delay in conclusion of trial, it shall be open to the petitioner to approach this Court again.

16.03.2022

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

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