

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

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**CRM-M No.49627 of 2022
Date of Decision: 27.10.2022**

Rajinder Kumar @ Raju

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA*

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

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (Oral)

By way of the instant petition, the petitioner has sought the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of direction to the trial Court concerned to expedite the trial proceedings in the criminal case No.NDPS/70/2020 titled as '*State vs. Mohan Lal @ Kala and others*' arisen out of the FIR bearing No.95 dated 25.02.2020 registered at Police Station City, District Barnala, under Sections 22, 25, 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (wherein the offences under Sections 467, 468, 471 & 120-B IPC are stated to have been added later-on), in a time bound manner, preferably within a period of three (03) months.

2. Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared in this case in pursuance of the copy of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

3. Heard.

4. It is worth-while to mention here that vide order Annexure P-3 as passed on 06.05.2022 in Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).9705 of 2021, the Apex Court has already observed that '*the trial Court may do well to expedite the process and conclude the proceedings as early as possible*'.

5. In view of the above-discussed order, it becomes explicit that no cause of action exists in favour of the petitioner to prefer the instant petition before this Court to re-agitate the same matter, as already dealt with by Hon'ble the Supreme Court vide the afore-said order (Annexure P-3). Resultantly, the petition in hand stands dismissed accordingly.

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

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