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

CRM-M-4701-2023

Date of Decision: 07.02.2023

Billu

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Satnam Singh Gill, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Nidhi Garg, AAG, Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

This is the fifth petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.122, dated 04.03.2020, under Sections 15/27 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Gharaunda, District Karnal.

After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for withdrawal of the present petition and at the same time has also prayed that since the custody of the petitioner is 2 years and 11 months and only 6 out of 14 witnesses have been examined till date, therefore, the trial Court may be directed to expedite the trial solely considering the long custody of the petitioner.

The prayer of the learned counsel for the petitioner is accepted.

The present petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

However, considering the long custody of the petitioner, which is 2 years and 11 months and status of the trial as per the learned counsel for the parties that only 6 out of 14 witnesses have been examined till date, this Court deems it fit and proper to direct the trial Court to expedite the trial in the light of Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

07.02.2023

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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |