

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20330-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.07.2023

Swaran Singh
....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab
....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. B.S. Randhawa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

The petitioner is in custody for about 02 years and 03 days.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Mehar Singh, submits that out of 21 PWs, only 04 PWs have been examined.

As per the affidavit filed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Dharamkot, Moga, the clarification with regard to the seal on the sample parcel as well as Form No.29 is duly explained that the seal was initially put up by one ASI and later on, it was refixed by the Illaqa Magistrate, which was sent to the FSL.

A perusal of the Custody Certificate shows that the petitioner is involved in some other cases and he has been convicted in one case and acquitted in another case, though, he is involved in some other FIRs where his custody is required.

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Faced with the same, counsel for the petitioner submits that a time bound direction be given to the trial Court to conclude the trial.

Heard.

Considering the long custody of the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously within a period of 06 months from today.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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