

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

(210)

CRM-M-10556-2023

Date of Decision : April 11, 2023

Jassa Singh @ Jasbir Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Custody certificate of the petitioner has been filed in the Court today and the same is taken on record.

Though the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail but learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in case the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner, he will not press the present petition, at this stage.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Gurvinder Singh, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that out of 13 cited witnesses, two have already been examined and all the cooperation will be extended by the prosecution for examining the witnesses as expeditiously as possible.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case where the petitioner has already undergone custody for more than one year and seven months and out of 13 cited witnesses, two have been examined till now, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing. The trial Court can use all power including the coercive action to secure the presence of the witnesses so that their testimony is recorded within time frame granted by this Court for conclusion of the trial.

The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

April 11, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No