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

CRM-M-13713-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision : 20.01.2023

Vinod Kumar

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Bikramjit Singh Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shivani Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has filed this third petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.216 dated 14.09.2019 registered under Section 22 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 NDPS added later on) at Police Station Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib, who is in custody since his arrest on 15.09.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner does not press this petition, but prays for a direction for expediting the trial, which is pending for last more than three years.

At this stage, learned State counsel on instruction from ASI Rajinder Singh has stated that in all there are fourteen prosecution witnesses and so far three witnesses have been examined and the case is now coming up before the trial Court for recording prosecution witnesses

on 23.01.2023.

In view of above limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the main petition is dismissed as withdrawn, however, it is ordered that the trial Court shall expedite and conclude the trial, preferably up to 31.05.2023.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

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