

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

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CRM-M-21143-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 16.02.2023

Pawan Kumar @ Sonu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Vikram Satpal Anand, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Status report dated 23.11.2022 by way of affidavit of Amarpreet Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Bassi Pathan, District Fatehgarh Sahib, alongwith Annexure R-1, already filed on behalf of respondent-State, is taken on the record.

Apart from above, status report dated 22.11.2022 has already been received from Trial Court, in terms of which, prosecution evidence has already been concluded and further statements of accused as envisaged under Section 313 Cr.P.C. have already been recorded and the case is now fixed for 23.02.2023 for leading defence evidence.

Faced with this situation, learned counsel for petitioner submits that since petitioner is languishing in custody for the last about 3½ years, Trial Court may be asked to expedite the trial and conclude the same at the earliest and, thus, prays for withdrawal of instant petition.

In view of above, since trial of the case has reached at its fag end and further the fact that petitioner is languishing in custody for the last about 3½ years, Trial Court is directed to conclude the trial latest by 31.03.2023.

Petition is disposed of as withdrawn.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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