

205 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20520-2023

Date of Decision :02.05.2023

Jagroop Singh alias Joopi

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present : Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Paramjit Singh Batta, Addl. AG, Punjab.

B.S. Walia, J. (Oral)

1. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner states that he does not press the instant petition and would be satisfied if the learned trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner having regard to the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 29.04.2021 and that although the charge sheet was filed on 26.10.2021 and there are '14' prosecution witnesses not even a single witness has been examined till date.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Paramjit Singh Batta, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State and states that he has no objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. Accordingly, taking into account the fact that the allegations against the petitioner pertain to recovery of commercial quantity of contraband on the basis of which he was arrested in the case on

sheet was filed on 26.10.2021, but not even a single prosecution witness has been examined till date even though an accused in a case under the NDPS is entitled to a speedy trial, more so in view of stringent provision of the Act as are contained in Section 37 of the NDPS Act it is deemed appropriate to direct the learned trial Court to ensure conclusion of the trial in accordance with law within six months from today and to file compliance report before this Court.

6. Petition disposed of with the aforementioned directions.
Copy of this order be sent to the learned trial Court to ensure compliance.

02.05.2023
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(B.S. Walia)
Judge

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