

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-23815-2021

Date of Decision: April 12, 2023

Satnam Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State of Haryana

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Ms. Pushpinder Kaur Mihas, Advocate and
Mr. Nipun Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, DAG, Haryana

ANOOP CHITKARA J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed seeking regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.144 dated 25.05.2020 under Section 307/323 IPC (later on section 302 IPC added and 307/323 deleted), registered at Police Station Kalayat, District Kaithal.

Counsel for the petitioner seeks regular bail on the ground of prolonged pre-trial custody of more than three years. He submits that the trial is at fag end and prosecution witnesses have not supported the case and intentionally an application under Section 311 Cr.P.C. filed by prosecution to recall the witnesses with a view to delay the trial.

After arguing at length, when this Court is not inclined to grant bail, counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be contented and satisfied in case directions may be issued to the trial Court to expedite the trial within time bound manner.

Given above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial on top priority and try to complete it by 31.07.2023. It is clarified that the petitioner shall not seek any adjournment before the trial Court, in case he does so, this order stands recalled automatically under Section 362 r/w 482 Cr.P.C. without any further reference to this Court. It is further clarified that State shall also not seek any adjournment.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

April 12, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

No