

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

**220**

**CRM-M-29908-2022  
Date of Decision : 30.01.2023**

Satpal Masih @ Billa @ Rajvir Singh Sandhu .....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab .....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA**

Present : Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaspal Singh Guru, Asstt. A.G., Punjab  
for the respondent-State.

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**ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.42 dated 20.02.2006 registered under Sections 365 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (to which Sections 302 and 201 of the IPC were added later on) at Police Station Dasuya, Hoshiarpur.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that out of 18 prosecution witnesses, 03 have been examined so far. The complainant has also been died.

Faced with this situation, learned Counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer to the extent of issuing directions to the trial Court to expedite the trial and does not want to press this regular bail petition at this stage.

In view of the above statement made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn being not

pressed at this stage.

However, keeping in view the facts that the petitioner is already in custody since 31.03.2021 and out of 18 prosecution witnesses only 03 have been examined so far, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within a period of 06 months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Compliance report along with copy of judgment be submitted to this Court.

30.01.2023

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(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |