

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

**CRM-M No.31264 of 2023
Date of Decision: 22.09.2023**

Surjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. S.S.Siao, Advocate, appearing for
Mr. Sunil Kumar Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Virat Rana, AAG, Punjab.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(ORAL)

Learned State counsel has submitted the Status-Report on behalf of the respondent-State {by way of the affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Kartarpur, Jalandhar (Rural)}, along-with Annexure R-1 and the Custody-Certificate of the petitioner, in the Court today and these documents are taken on the record.

However, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, as per the instructions from the arguing counsel, seeks permission to withdraw the instant petition, at this stage, while praying that the petitioner is in custody in the criminal case under reference since 25.10.2020 and it being so, the trial Court be directed to conclude the trial proceedings and decide the said case within some specific time-frame.

Learned State counsel has no objection in the withdrawal of this petition and to the above-discussed prayer as made by learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

Resultantly, the petition in hand stands dismissed for having been withdrawn.

However, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for almost 03 years, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial proceedings and to decide the afore-referred criminal case, preferably within three months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

22.09.2023*seema***(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE**

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