

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(204)

CRM-M-35287-2022

Date of Decision : January 12, 2023

Gagandeep @ Gaggu @ Gagandeep Kumar

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Lakhanpal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Guruinder Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail but the petitioner will be satisfied in case, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner as the petitioner is behind the bars for the last more than two years and out of total sixteen prosecution witnesses, only three witnesses have been examined.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Guruinder Singh, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that the witnesses, who are yet to be examined, are all police officials, hence, he has no objection in case the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances mentioned hereinbefore, as the petitioner is already behind the bars for the last more than two years, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of four months from the next date of hearing even if, the same is to be done by giving short adjournments.

The witnesses, who are all stated to be police officials, are also directed to remain present in the Court for their testimonies as and when called by the trial Court and in case of any failure, the same will be treated as misconduct for which, they will be liable to be proceeded against even departmentally.

The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

January 12, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No