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

CRM-M-38318-2020

Date of decision : 16.03.2023

Harjit Singh @ Bittu

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jasleen Kaur Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has filed this second petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.101 dated 12.10.2019 registered under Sections 22 and 25 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Hathur, District Ludhiana, who is in custody since his arrest on 12.10.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner does not press this petition, but prays for a direction for expediting the trial, which is pending for last more than three years.

At this stage, learned State counsel on instruction from ASI Kuldeep Kumar has stated that in all there are nine prosecution witnesses and so far four witnesses have been examined. The case is now coming up before the trial Court for recording prosecution witnesses on 23.03.2023.

In view of above limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the main petition is dismissed as withdrawn, however, it is

ordered that the trial Court shall expedite and conclude the trial, preferably up to 31.07.2023.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

16.03.2023

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