

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

(203)

CRM-M-39249-2023

Date of Decision : August 18, 2023

Pankaj Batra**.. Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.. Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Virender Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab
assisted by ASI Harpal Singh.**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

In the present petition, though the prayer of the petitioner is for the grant of regular bail but the petitioner will be satisfied, in case, a direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer any prejudice.

Notice of motion.

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

Learned counsel for respondent-State raises no objection with regard to the grant of said prayer.

As the petitioner is not pressing his prayer for the grant of regular bail and the only prayer pressed is for directing the trial Court to

conclude the trial in a time bound manner, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 10.12.2019 and out of total eight prosecution witnesses, only two witnesses have been examined so far, the trial Court is directed to make all endeavour to complete the trial within a period of three months from the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court.

The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

August 18, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No