

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-39724-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 17.08.2023

Randhir Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Komal Preet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurdarshan Singh Sidhu, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the petition is for issuance of direction to expedite the trial in case bearing FIR No.168 dated 17.07.2020, registered under Section 18 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Kartarpur, Jalandhar, pending before the learned Judge, Special Court, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the challan was presented on 31.10.20020 and out of 08 only 02 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far and therefore, she prays for issuance of direction to the learned trial Court to conclude the trial within a stipulate period.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh, submits that it was because of Covid-19 Pandemic situation and now best efforts are being made by the investigating agency to produce the witnesses before the learned trial Court.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Since the matter pertains to the year 2020 and out of 08 prosecution witnesses, only 02 have been examines so far, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned trial Court, to make an endeavour to conclude the trial expeditiously in accordance with law.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

17.08.2023
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No