

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

(204)

CRM-M-40844-2023

Date of Decision : August 25, 2023

Bhupinder Singh alias Bhola alias Goldy**.. Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.. Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. R.P. Daaria, Advocate, for
Mr. Ashok Kumar Khunger, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not pressing his prayer for the grant of regular bail but as the petitioner is behind the bars for the last more than three years, the trial Court be directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Gurpreet Singh, learned Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned State counsel submits that out of total 30 cited witnesses, only four witnesses have been examined.

5. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of more than three years, the trial Court needs to

be directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration any further.

6. Hence, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing. The trial Court will be free to pass an appropriate order to secure the presence of the witnesses concerned including coercive order so as to ensure the presence of the witnesses for recording their testimony in case they do not come forward despite being summoned.

7. The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

August 25, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No