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. 2023:PHHC:118385

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision :-11.09.2023

Soni Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Simrandeep S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

In compliance of the order dated 25.08.2023 of this Court, status report filed by the learned State counsel in the Court today is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though, the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner but as the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of more than four years and out of the total 15 cited witnesses, only 03 witnesses have been examined, the petitioner will be satisfied in case the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration.

Learned State counsel submits that though, in the present case, the complainant and his uncle are yet to be examined but he has no objection in case a direction is issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time

bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case especially, that the petitioner had undergone incarceration for a period of more than four years, trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of six months from the next date of hearing fixed before the trial Court positively even if, the short adjournments are to be granted and presence of the witnesses is to be secured by passing coercive orders.

Present petition stands disposed of in above terms.

September 11, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No