

214 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Neutral Citation No. 2023:PHHC:120269
CRM-M-46260-2022
Date of Decision: September 13, 2023

Muzaffar Ahmad Mir

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Rohit Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Puneeta Sethi, Sr. Panel counsel for UOI-NCB.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

Custody certificate is placed on record by learned counsel of UOI, which reveals that the petitioner is in custody for the last 04 years, 02 months and 17 days. It is also informed by learned counsel for UOI that out of 12 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only 04 have been examined so far.

As per allegations, 500 Kgs. of poppy straw were recovered from the possession of the petitioner and co-accused. Petitioner was driving the truck at the relevant time.

The recovered quantity of contraband is 10 times the commercial category.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner will be satisfied if necessary direction is given to the Trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner, preferably within six months.

As such, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the Trial Court concerned to make every possible effort to conclude the trial expeditiously, preferably within a period of six months.

It is made clear that there shall not be any effort on the part of the accused to delay the trial, otherwise that time, taken unnecessarily by the accused for delaying the trial, will not be taken into consideration.

September 13, 2023
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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