

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

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CRM-M-46350-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 09.02.2023

Jaspal Singh @ Happy

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Ranjit Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for
Mr. Gopal Singh Nahel, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Status report dated 02.02.2023 by way of affidavit of Sarabjit Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, STF, Patiala Range, Patiala, alongwith Annexures, filed by respondent-State, today in the Court, is taken on record and copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

Status report dated 31.01.2023 regarding progress of trial has been received from Court concerned, in terms of which, all the material witnesses have already been examined and the trial is fixed for tomorrow (10.02.2023) for recording of testimony of private witness who has been ordered to be summoned through SHO concerned.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that petitioner is languishing in custody w.e.f. 28.09.2020 and since recording of

prosecution evidence is almost over, Trial Court may be asked to conclude the trial at the earliest and, thus, prays for withdrawal of instant petition.

In view of above, since petitioner is languishing in custody for the last more than quarter past two years, Trial Court is directed to make earnest and sincere efforts to examine remainder of witnesses and to conclude the trial at the earliest.

Petition is disposed of as withdrawn.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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