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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(207)

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Date of decision:- 23.03.2023

Wasan Singh @ Veeru

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Bansal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

This is the third petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking grant of regular bail in FIR No.250 dated 04.08.2020, registered for offence under Section 21 (c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala, Annexure P-1.

Affidavit of Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kapurthala has been filed in compliance of the order dated 31.01.2023 passed by this Court. Para 7 of the affidavit is reproduced as under:-

7. *That is is respectfully submitted the evidence of 9 witnesses have been concluded and the examination in chief of ASI Karamjit Singh No.1495/Tarn Taran was recorded on the last date and the cross examination has also been concluded on 21.03.2023. That out of the 15 witnesses, evidence of 9 witnesses have been concluded and 5 witnesses have been given up by the State/prosecution. Therefore, the prosecution evidence has concluded and the defence evidence will be led as per law."*

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It is evident from the above that the trial is at an advanced stage as the prosecution has concluded its evidence.

Faced with this development, counsel for the petitioner does not press the petition. He, however, requests that a direction be issued to the Trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

Request of the counsel has been considered.

Considering that the work load with the Courts in the post Covid period is heavy, it is not appropriate to issue any direction to the Trial Court to decide the trial within a specific time frame, however, the Trial Court shall make an endeavor and conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible.

Petition is disposed of.

23.03.2023
Kamal

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No