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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-57777-2023 (O & M)

Date of Decision: 16.11.2023

Akashdeep Singh @ Akash Sandhu

... Petitioner

Versus

National Investigation Agency

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Simranjit Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Sanhu, Spl. Prosecutor
for the respondent-NIA.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for the issuance of directions to the Trial Court (Special Judge), NIA, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab, to conclude the trial within a stipulated period in case RC-21/2019/NIA/DL dated 01.10.2019 arising out of FIR No.13 dated 22.09.2019 under Sections 120-B, 121, 121-A, 122, 489-A, 489-C, 379 r/w 411 IPC and Sections 13, 16, 17, 18, 18-B, 23 and 39 of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967 and 25 (1A), 25 (1AA), 25(1) (B) (a) (f) (g) and 27(2) of the Arms Act, 1959 and Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substantive Act, 1908 at Police Station SSOC, Amritsar.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 22.09.2019 but as on date only 19 out of the 103 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

3. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

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4. Keeping in view the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to direct the Trial Court concerned to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible but in any case, not later than 18 months from the next date fixed before it.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

November 16, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No