

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(209)

CRM-M-60875-2022

Date of Decision : January 31, 2023

Iqbal Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Vibha Tewari, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Custody certificate of the petitioner has been filed in the Court today and the same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the present petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail but as the trial is not progressing on a pace required, the petitioner is suffering further prejudice.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner does not wish to press the present petition on merits but direction be given to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Vibha Tewari, learned Assistant Advocate General, Haryana, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned State counsel, on the instructions from ASI Jagpal Singh, submits that out of 14 prosecution witnesses, 2 witnesses have been examined after framing of the charges.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is behind the bars for the last approximately four years, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of four months from the next date of hearing positively even if, the same is to be done by giving short adjournments. Official witnesses are also directed to remain present in the Court for their testimony as directed by the trial Court and in case of failure, they will be liable for the disciplinary proceedings.

The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

January 31, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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