

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

(207)

CRM-M-62936-2023

Date of decision: - 20.12.2023

Pankaj Kumar alias Panka**....Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.....Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present:- Mr. P.P.S. Duggall, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Muthreja, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a third petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.67 dated 20.05.2020, registered under Sections 302, 307, 324, 323, 201 and 34 IPC, at Police Station Taragarh, District Pathankot.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 20.05.2020 and the statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. has been recorded in the present case. It is further submitted that petitioner and other co-accused have already led their defence evidence and he has instructions to state that the petitioner and other co-accused do not wish to lead any further defence evidence and the case is fixed before the Additional Sessions Judge, Pathankot for 03.01.2024 and the counsel for the accused in the trial Court would address his arguments on 03.01.2024 or immediately thereafter as is

convenient to the trial Court and has made a limited prayer that the trial Court be directed to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible, preferably, till 07.02.2024.

3. Learned State counsel has submitted that in case the other co-accused also do not lead any defence, then, even State counsel would be prepared to argue the matter before the trial Court on 03.01.2024 or on the dates given by the trial Court and would not delay the matter.

4. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioner and other co-accused make their respective statements on 03.01.2024 before the Additional Sessions Judge, Pathankot to the effect that they do not wish to lead any defence evidence, then, the matter be put up for arguments by giving short dates and the matter be concluded as expeditiously as possible, preferably, till 07.02.2024.

December 20, 2023
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No