

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-1605-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.03.2024

DEEPU KUMAR ALIAS DEEPU

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present : Mr. A.S. Rai, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY. J. (Oral)

1. Learned State counsel submits that out of 26 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 6 have been examined and 2 have been given up and the next date of hearing before the trial Court is 30.03.2024.
2. Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner has sought withdrawal of the present petition at this stage, however, has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 04.01.2020, as such, the learned trial Court may be directed to expedite the trial.
3. In view of the statement and considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 04.01.2020, and the prosecution has only examined 6 witnesses till date, the learned trial Court is directed to make sincere efforts for expeditious disposal of the trial at the earliest.
4. It is further pointed out that most of the witnesses, who remain to be examined, happen to be police officials, therefore, the Commissioner of Police,

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Ludhiana is directed to ensure the presence of the witnesses in Court in pursuance to the issuance of summons by deputing a responsible official to supervise their service.

5. With these observations, the petition stands dismissed as withdrawn at this stage.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

21.03.2024
S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/ No