

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

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2024:PHHC:017773
CRM-M-18578-2023
Date of decision: February 8th, 2024

Rakesh Kumar @ Raju
.....Petitioner
Versus

State of Punjab
.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Luthra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Learned State counsel, on instructions, has informed the Court that the examination-in-chief of the complainant stands recorded, however, the case is now fixed for 28.02.2024 for his cross-examination. It has, on instructions, also been submitted that the petitioner is a man of criminal antecedents as he is involved in seven other criminal cases of similar nature.

In the circumstances, learned counsel for the petitioner does not press the instant petition and prays for withdrawal of the same, however, with a prayer that since the petitioner has been in custody for 3 years and 8 months, the trial Court be directed to expedite the trial.

In view of the prayer made, the trial Court shall make earnest efforts to expedite the trial and conclude it expeditiously within the next five months.

The defence counsel shall also cooperate in the expeditious disposal of the trial by not taking unnecessary adjournments.

The instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

February 8th, 2024
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No