

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

CRM-M-44336-2024

Date of Decision:-**21.10.2024**

DEEPAK

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent

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CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

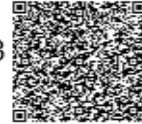
Present:- Mr. Pranav Chamoli, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Trishanjli Sharma, DAG, Haryana.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer is for grant of regular bail in case having FIR No.122 dated 12.06.2019 registered under Sections 201, 302, 34 IPC and Sections 404 and 411 IPC (subsequently added) at Police Station Panipat Sadar, District Panipat.

2. Learned State counsel at the outset has on instructions submitted that the trial is nearing completion as only 2 prosecution witnesses out of the 18 cited remain to be examined; it is also been submitted that father of the deceased PW-Satpal who gave out the motive to commit the murder of his son, had been examined and had supported the case of the prosecution in its entirety. Learned State counsel submits that in view of stage of trial the instant petition be dismissed as there is every likelihood that trial would be completed very shortly.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has however submitted that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 5 years and till date the trial has not concluded only on account of the prosecution indulging in dilatory tactics; the prosecution has moved an application under Section 311 of the Cr.P.C., which has resulted in an inordinate delay in the conclusion of the trial. It has been submitted that in the circumstances and keeping in view the long incarceration of the petitioner his prayer be accepted and he be enlarged on bail.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused relevant material record.

5. The trial in all likelihood would not take much time to conclude as only 2 prosecution witnesses remain to be examined. In the facts and circumstances, as enumerated here-in-above, the instant petition is hereby dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed here-in-above shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

6. At this stage, a prayer has been made by the learned counsel for the petitioner for issuance of directions to the trial Court to expedite the trial in view of the petitioner's long incarceration. The learned trial Court is therefore directed to make earnest efforts to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within next six months.

21.10.2024
Gaurav Sorot

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes / No
Yes / No