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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-43650-2024 (O & M)
Date of Decision:12.05.2026

GURPREET SINGH ALIAS GOPI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. B.K. Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Khara, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Custody certificate dated 12.05.2026 has been filed by the State,
which is taken on record.
2. After addressing for sometime and having failed to convince
this Court, Mr. Mehta, counsel for the petitioner seeks and is granted
permission to withdraw the petition.
3. Dismissed as withdrawn.
4. Pending miscellaneous applications shall also stand disposed of.



5. During the hearing of the petition, it has transpired that FIR was registered in September 2021, charges were framed against petitioner and three other co-accused vide order dated 13.09.2022, Annexure P-5. State counsel has brought to the notice of the Court that against 22 prosecution witnesses, 02 witnesses have been examined initially. On 18.02.2026, charges were framed under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (for short “UAPA”). Thereafter, proceedings are being deferred, but no prosecution witness has been examined.

6. Matter pertains to the year 2021. It has been five years since the time, the criminal case was registered. It is rather surprising to notice that prosecution has not even examined a single witness after the framing of charge under UAPA.

7. Noticing the seriousness of the allegations and delay, let an affidavit is called for from the SSP, concerned, explaining the reasons for the delay as well as time frame, within which, the prosecution shall conclude its evidence.

8. For this limited purpose, list on 13.07.2026.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

12.05.2026
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No