



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

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Date of Decision: 15.09.2025

1. CRA-D-1167-2023(O&M)

JIVTESH SETHI

.....APPELLANT

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

2. CRM-40328-2023 in/and
CRA-D-1160-2023

SHUBKARAN @ SAJAN

.....APPELLANT

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

3. CRM-53391-2023 in/and
CRA-D-1569-2023

MANISH RANA @ MEESHU

.....APPELLANT

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present:- Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate
for the appellant in CRA-D-1167-2023.

Mr. Sidhaarth Maini, Advocate and
Mr. Mahesh Sharma, Advocate
for the appellant in CRA-D-1160-2023.

Mr. Gaurav Rana, Advocate
for the appellant in CRA-D-1569-2023.

Mr. Shekhar Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

1. Since only eight prosecution witnesses remain to be examined in the appellant(s)' trial, learned counsel for the appellant(s) submit that they have express instructions to withdraw these appeal(s) and that at this stage,



they would be satisfied if these appeals are disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to dispose of the appellant(s)' trial in a time bound manner.

2. Learned State counsel has no objection to the acceptance of the afore alternative prayer made on behalf of the appellant(s).

3. All the appellants have been in custody for over 03 years and 03 months. They have a right to a speedy trial. Presently, only 08 prosecution witnesses remain to be examined in the appellants' trial and the learned State counsel also has no objection to the acceptance of the afore alternate prayer made on the appellants' behalf. Therefore, we dispose of these appeals with a direction to the trial Court to dispose of the appellant(s)' trial expeditiously but not later than six weeks from the date fixed before it, in accordance with law with a further direction to the State to ensure appearance of its remaining eight witnesses to meet the afore dead line.

4. Disposed of.

5. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

6. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of the other connected cases.

**[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE**

**[LAPITA BANERJI]
JUDGE**

15.09.2025

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*Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*