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SLP(Crl.)No. 1577 OF 2003  
ITEM No.25

Court No. 3

SECTION IIA  
A/N MATTER

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 1577/2003

(From the judgement and order dated 28/11/2002 in Bail Appln. 953/02  
of The Addl.Judge, Designated Court, Ludhiana)

DALJIT SINGH @ BITTOO

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

C.B.I.

Respondent (s)

( With Appln(s). for bail )( With Office Report )

Date : 15/09/2003 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.B. SHAH  
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE AR. LAKSHMANAN

For Petitioner (s)  
Mr.Sushil Kumar,Sr.Adv.,  
Mr.Adolf Mathew,Adv.,  
Mr.Sanjay Jain,Adv.

For Respondent (s)  
Mr.L.Nageshwara Rao, ASG  
Mr.Uday Umesh Lalit,Adv.,  
Mr. P. Parmeswaran,Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner was arrested on 24.8.1996. It is his contention that since that date petitioner is kept in jail without the re being any trial. For this purpose, he points out that since 1996 Seven Special Judges who were dealing with the TADA matters are transferred from time to time and the matter is not finalised because of various transfer orders.

After obtaining instructions, learned counsel for the respondent submits that on 11.9.2003 D.R. Arora, Addl. Sessions Judge , Ludhiana is appointed as Addl. Judge, Designated Court Hoshiarpur at Ludhiana and he therefore, submits that the trial would be completed as early as possible.

In this view of the matter, this petition releasing the petitioner on bail is not entertained at this stage.

Addl.Judge, Designated Court, Ludhiana would expedite the trial and is directed to follow Section 309 Cr.P.C. and see that the trial is completed within a period of seven months from today. If the trial is not over during the said period, it would be open to the petitioner to move the Designated Court for releasing him on bail and the Designated Court would pass appropriate order after considering the relevant facts.

Stand over to March 2004.

(Vijay Kumar Sharma)(Janki Bhatia)  
AR cum PS to Hon.Judge Court Master

