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			C528/1754/2026 Vivek Singh --Applicant **Versus** Devendra Kumar --Respondent **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. Pranav Singh, Advocate for the applicant. 2. By means of the present Criminal Miscellaneous Application, the applicant seeks issuance of an appropriate direction to the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Roorkee, District Haridwar for expeditious disposal of Complaint Case No.585 of 2023. 3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant instituted the aforesaid complaint against the respondent on 17.03.2023 for the offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. It is submitted that learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Roorkee, took cognizance of the complaint on 22.05.2023 and summoned the respondent to face trial. However, the respondent entered appearance only on 24.07.2025 and, thereafter, the proceedings have not progressed substantially. It is further submitted that Section 143(3) of the Negotiable Instruments Act mandates that such cases ought to be tried as expeditiously as

possible and, preferably, concluded within a period of six months from the date of filing of the complaint.

4. Having considered the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the applicant and upon perusal of the material on record, this Court finds that the aforesaid complaint case pertains to the year 2023 and has remained pending for a substantial period without effective progress. The legislative intent underlying Section 143(3) of the Negotiable Instruments Act is to ensure prompt adjudication of such matters. Therefore, this Court is of the considered view that the proceedings deserve to be expedited in the interest of justice.

5. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, and keeping in view the overall facts and circumstances, the present application is disposed of with a direction to the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Roorkee, District Haridwar to make all possible endeavours to conclude the proceedings of Complaint Case No.585 of 2023 expeditiously, preferably within a period of one year from the date of production of a certified copy of this order, strictly in accordance with law.

6. It is further directed that unnecessary adjournments shall not be granted to either of the parties, and both the parties shall extend full cooperation in early disposal of the case.

(Alok Mahra, J.)
10.08.2026

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