

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-20748 of 2015
Date of Decision:-01.7.2015**

Piara Singh Josen

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Arun Takhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial in FIR No.57 dated 11.6.2012, under Sections 323, 324, 452 and 295 IPC, registered at Police Station Lohian, District Jalandhar City, titled as 'State of Punjab vs. Piara Singh and others' pending in the Court of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, who has been arrayed as accused in the aforesaid FIR, is a permanent resident of U.K. (United Kingdom) and he is residing along with his family there for the last about 40 years. His aged parents are also residing with

him in U.K. The petitioner is also a heart patient and has undergone open heart surgery from a hospital in U.K., and he has been advised to restrict his travelling by aeroplane. The petitioner is ready to face the trial but seeking the intervention of this Court for expediting the trial. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner be granted exemption from his personal appearance unless it is necessary.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of State.

The prayer, as put forward by learned counsel for the petitioner seems to be genuine. He is ready to face the trial but has prayed for expedite the trial.

Without having any expression on the merits of the case, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and to conclude the same preferably within nine months. The trial Court shall also consider the request of the petitioner for exemption from his personal appearance.

Disposed of.

July 01, 2015
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE