

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

CRM M-29852 of 2015

Date of Decision : September 16, 2015

Chanchal Rani

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.S. MANN

Present : Ms. Satwant Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikram Bishnoi, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

T.P.S. MANN, J. (Oral)

After obtaining instructions from SI Iqbal Singh, learned State counsel has informed the Court that in support of its case, the prosecution has cited eighteen witnesses. Out of them, two witnesses, namely, Radhika and Raj Kumar have since been examined. Now the trial is fixed for 28.9.2015 for recording of further evidence of the prosecution.

The petitioner, who is an old woman of 70 years of age, is in custody since 15.2.2013. Initially, she alongwith Vijay Kumar was charged for committing the offences punishable under Sections 302 and 120-B IPC. After the prosecution examined complainant-Raj Kumar before the trial Court, an application under Section 319 Cr.P.C. was filed for summoning Saroj Bala,

Ashok Kumar and Amandeep Sharma as additional accused which application was granted on 6.9.2014. Subsequent thereto, the trial Court has framed amended charges against the petitioner and her co-accused on 23.12.2014.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the allegations levelled against the petitioner and also the fact that the petitioner had twice moved this Court earlier for the grant of regular bail but remained unsuccessful on both the occasions, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial of the case and conclude the same, preferably within four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order.

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(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE