

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

**CRL. MISC. No.M-35598 OF 2016 (O&M)**  
**DATE OF DECISION : 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2016**

**Jagjit Singh**

**.... Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab & another**

**.... Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. B. CHAUDHARI**

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Present : Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (ORAL)**

Rule heard forthwith.

The present petition is for staying the conviction order passed by learned JMIC, Sunam arising out of complaint No.9 dated 11.03.1999 registered under Sections 465, 420, 467, 471, 474 & 120-B IPC. The petitioner has preferred appeal before the Sessions Court against the order of conviction and sentence.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a public servant i.e. Patwari, who is working with Revenue Department of the Government of Punjab and due to the conviction recorded by the trial Court the petitioner is likely to lose the employment, since the departmental proceedings have been taken against the petitioner. That is the reason why he had applied before the Sessions Court for stay of conviction and the Sessions Court declined to accept his request. In the present petition the said order is under challenge so also the prayer is for stay of conviction pending the proceedings before the appellate Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the conviction is working adversely to his interest and, therefore, early disposal of his appeal would be in the interest of justice.

In my opinion, since the petitioner's appeal is pending and he is likely to lose his employment due to the conviction, it would be desirable to have the criminal appeal decided finally before the Sessions Court itself within a stipulated period.

Accordingly, learned Sessions Court, Sangrur is requested to decide the criminal appeal titled *Jagjit Singh versus State of Punjab & another* as expeditiously as possible and in any case within four months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

CRL. MISC. No.M-35598 OF 2016 is disposed of accordingly.

Copy of this order be given dasti as prayed for.

19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2016  
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(A. B. CHAUDHARI)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes | No  |
| Whether Reportable:        | Yes | No. |