

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12761-2015

Date of decision: February 28, 2017.

Vishal Mahajan

... **Petitioner**

v.

State of Punjab

... **Respondent**

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

Present: Shri Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.
Shri Daljit Virk, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

A.B. Chaudhari, J. (Oral):

FIR No.758 dated 18.10.2009 was registered at Police Station Kotwali, Bathinda in this case in the year 2009. Learned counsel for the petitioner fairly states that after registration of the FIR in 2009, no steps were taken to seek discharge till this petition was filed. According to counsel for the petitioner, it was so because charge was amended in the year 2013. He has however failed to furnish even a single explanation for delay and laches for the period from 2009 till 2016. He urges this Court to hear him on the merits of the case. However, since the counsel for the petitioner has failed to furnish any explanation for delay and laches and particularly when the trial is on and two witnesses have already been examined before the trial court, therefore, this petition is dismissed on the ground of delay and laches. All the points are kept open for being canvassed before the trial court.

[**A.B. Chaudhari**]
Judge

February 28, 2017.
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No