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CRM-M-27551-2017(O&M)

Date of decision: 06.10.2017.

Bhawan Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Sandeep Chopra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of a direction to the trial Court to close the evidence of the prosecution in case FIR No. 81, dated 13.10.2013 under Sections 323 and 374 IPC and Section 104 of Child Labour Protection Act 1986, registered at Police Station PAU, Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner with reference to the interim orders passed by the trial Court as Anneuxre P-2 (collectively) has submitted that despite the fact the charges were framed on 07.03.2014, no prosecution witness has been examined so far.

On the last date of hearing i.e. 31.07.2017, the trial Court was directed to submit a report regarding status of the trial and a report has been submitted on 18.08.2017 that after framing of charges on 07.03.2014, PW-1 HC Onkar Singh was examined on 21.09.2016 whereas summons issued to the other prosecution witnesses are being received unserved repeatedly.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Onkar Singh, submits that on the last date of hearing, i.e. on 28.09.2017, one prosecution witness was examined and on 04.10.2017 one more prosecution witness was examined. She further submits that the evidence of the prosecution

witnesses shall be concluded within a period of two months from today.

Accordingly, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously on or before 31.03.2018.

Disposed of.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether reportable	Yes / No