

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

**CRM No. M-8934 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision:22.05.2017**

Sarabjit Kaur and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. N.S. Dandiwal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

The instant petition has been preferred under Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking directions to the trial Court to conclude trial pertaining to the case FIR No.27 dated 08.03.2014 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 511, 193, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

On a previous date of hearing i.e. 17.03.2017, registry was directed to procure a report as regards status and progress of trial.

Placed on record are two separate reports dated 18.04.2017 and 20.05.2017 of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Moga.

Perusal of the status reports would reveal that the challan in the present case was filed on 02.09.2015 and charges were framed on 03.11.2015. Thereafter, on 23.12.2015, the prosecution had filed an application for directing the accused, namely, Sarabjit Kaur and Sukhjinder Singh (present petitioners) to produce the original matriculation certificate

or to grant permission to lead secondary evidence. The matter apparently remained pending for consideration of said application and which was ultimately allowed on 15.02.2016. In the status reports itself, it has been stated that in spite of 15 effective opportunities having been exhausted, the prosecution has not examined even a single witness.

The right of the petitioners herein/accused to have not only a fair but speedy trial, goes without saying.

In the light of the facts noticed hereinabove and emanating from the status reports placed on record, present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the process of trial and, in any case, to conclude the same within a period of six months from today.

Disposed of.

22.05.2017
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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No