

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

CRM-M-35427-2018

Date of Decision:-17.08.2018

Sukhdev Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- None for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

By way of filing this petition, the petitioners seek issuance of direction to the learned Trial Court to expedite the trial and conclude the same in a time bound manner.

The petitioners have averred that they are citizens of America and have been falsely implicated and that the trial is being unnecessarily prolonged so as to cause harassment to them.

A perusal of the documents annexed with the petition reflected that even the petitioners to some extent are responsible for the delay inasmuch as they have earlier been declared proclaimed offenders. It was somewhere in the year 2017 that their presence was secured. However, at the same time it is also noticed that even after securing the presence of the

accused, the complainant has been seeking several adjournments to lead pre-charge evidence. In fact as many as eight opportunities have already been afforded to the complainant to lead pre-charge evidence but no evidence has been led by the complainant so far.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned trial Court to make strenuous efforts for concluding the trial expeditiously. It will be open to the trial Court to fix some time frame or to limit the number of opportunities to be afforded to both the parties for the purpose of recording evidence keeping in view the cause list and the total pendency of cases in the Court. It shall be ensured that adjournments are not granted simply on the asking of either of the party.

The petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

17.08.2018
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Whether reasoned / speaking?	Yes / No
Whether reportable?	Yes / No