

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-36427-2018

Date of decision: 29.01.2019

Diwan Singh Nagpal

... Petitioner

Vs.

U.T. Chandigarh and ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Jaideep Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ashima Mor, Addl. PP, U.T. Chandigarh.

Mr. Lalit Yadav, Advocate for
Mr. Balbir Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.2 & 3.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of direction to the trial Court to decide the criminal trial arising out of FIR No.118 dated 01.07.2015 under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sector-19, Chandigarh, expeditiously, as the petitioner/complainant is a senior citizen, aged about 98 years.

In pursuance of the order dated 24.08.2018 passed by this Court, the trial Court has submitted a report, in which explanation has been given about the delay in disposal of the case. As per the report, one of the co-accused Gulab Singh absented himself, after recording his statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. and thereafter, the police submitted a supplementary challan against

another accused Mohan Lal on 11.10.2017 and thereafter, the petitioner filed an application for further investigation and on that account, no proceedings were undertaken.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had withdrawn the application on 13.09.2018 and considering the age of the petitioner and the fact that FIR pertains to the year 2015, the trial Court be directed to dispose of the trial expeditiously. It is further submitted that statement of the petitioner stands recorded on 28.01.2019 and next date before the trial Court is 21.02.2019.

Learned counsel for U.T. Chandigarh as well as learned counsel for respondents No.2 & 3 have no objection if the direction is issued to the trial Court to dispose of the trial expeditiously.

Accordingly, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within a period of six months.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No