

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

CRM-M-18372-2019

Date of Decision:01.05.2019

Sukhraj Singh @ Kaka

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr.Sandeep Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr.Bhupinder Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn attention of the Court to various zimni orders which prove that on most of the dates of hearing either the accused-petitioner or the investigating officer, who himself was/is in custody, was not produced by the jail authorities for recording statements. FIR in question was registered on 01.10.2013. He has informed the Court that as per disclosure statement of main accused namely Racchpal Singh, five accused were added, out of which four have been acquitted of the charges vide order dated 23.03.2017. He has also informed the Court that since the petitioner was declared proclaimed offender, therefore, trial against him has started after he surrendered.

Learned counsel for the State has submitted that the petitioner is involved in two other FIRs of similar nature apart from this FIR.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, learned trial court is directed to conclude the evidence positively within a period of three months. Investigating Officer, who is present in the Court, has undertaken that he will ensure presence of the witnesses and if any orders are required from the trial court, he will move an application in advance.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with the aforesaid direction.

01.05.2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No