

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

Sr. No.118

CRM-M-51568-2019

DECIDED ON: December 04, 2019

JASKARAN SINGH

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

PAL SINGH

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Jagtar Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The application moved under Section 311 Cr.P.C. by the petitioner was dismissed vide order dated 10.10.2019 (Annexure P-3) passed by the trial Court on the ground that the complainant could not be recalled for cross-examination as despite 07 opportunities having been granted for the said purpose, he was not cross-examined. In a revision, the Revisional Court has granted partial relief to the petitioner by providing him one opportunity to cross-examine the complainant subject to payment of costs of Rs.22,000/-.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that three opportunities may be granted and the amount of costs may be reduced. However, no justification has been given for asking for such relief apart from saying that the earlier counsel for the petitioner was at fault and not the petitioner.

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3. The submission of learned counsel for the petitioner cannot be accepted because the entire fault cannot be placed on the earlier counsel. The client is also required to be vigilant and to remain in touch with his counsel to ensure that no lapses are taking place in the trial. If a litigant becomes lax, he should suffer for his laxity. The court time is extremely precious and cannot be permitted to be wasted and the litigants need to understand this fact.

The petition has no merit and is accordingly dismissed.

December 04, 2019

Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No