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

CRM-M-8571-2020

Date of decision: 27.02.2020.

AMANDEEP SINGH

... Petitioner

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Divjyot S. Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of F.I.R. No.10 dated 18.05.2015 registered under Section 420 of IPC at Police Station NRI, Ludhiana City, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-2) along with all subsequent proceedings arises therefrom including the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Annexure P-7) and the order framing of charge dated 01.06.2019 (Annexure P-8).

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the aforesaid FIR was registered at the behest of respondent No.2 whose marriage was solemnized with the petitioner on 25.11.2009. The respondent has concealed the factum of her earlier marriage with Parminder Singh Johal. He has referred to Annexure P-4, a Marriage Certificate issued by the Registrar Hindu Marriage, Moga. By concealing the said fact, respondent No.2 has solemnized marriage with the petitioner. Rather she has declared her status as “unmarried” before the Registrar of Hindu Marriage, Barnala (Annexure

P-3). He submits that after getting the FIR registered against the petitioner, the complainant has returned back to Canada and the petitioner is languishing in India without any source of livelihood. He further states that after getting the FIR registered, the complainant is not coming forward to depose in the case and in this manner, trial is unnecessarily being delayed.

Irrespective of the stage of trial, considering the fact that the FIR was registered on 18.05.2015 and the petitioner is held up in India without any source of livelihood, the petitioner confines his prayer that the trial Court be directed to expedite the trial.

Notice of motion only to respondent No.1 at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Let a copy of paper book be given to learned State counsel during the course of the day.

Heard.

Without observing anything on the merits of the case and considering the fact that the FIR was registered on 18.05.2015 and the complainant is not coming forward to depose in the case, at this stage, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within 6 months from today.

With this, the present petition is disposed of.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

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