

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

CR No.8195 of 2019

Date of Decision: 20.01.2020

Gautam Thapar

Vs.

.....Petitioner

Richa

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Ms.Shivya Sehgal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

By this petition the petitioner seeks a direction to the learned trial court seized of a petition filed, under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, by the petitioner against the respondent, to expeditiously dispose of that petition, it having been instituted on 19.11.2015, with the respondent wife having put in an appearance on 25.01.2016 and thereafter, as alleged, she/her counsel having deliberately delayed cross-examination of the petitioner who is appearing as a witness, with such cross-examination stated to have continued over a period of more than 2 years, which is now stated to have been concluded.

Without going any further into that contention, since the divorce petition has been pending for the past 4 years and it has been specifically stated by learned counsel on query to her that there is no interim order passed by any competent court staying proceedings of the trial, the trial court is directed to ensure that now only short dates of hearing are

given and any delaying tactics by the respondent or her counsel are dealt with appropriately by imposing very heavy costs upon her, and thereafter, if unnecessary adjournments are being sought, to pass appropriate orders to ensure that the case is decided expeditiously.

Consequently, this petition is disposed of with a direction that subject to the petitioner not delaying the trial, the trial shall be concluded within a period of 6 months from today.

January 20, 2020

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(Amol Rattan Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : YES
Whether Reportable : NO