

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-28893 of 2021

Date of Decision: 26.07.2021

Baljit Singh Johal

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. J. S. Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This is a petition seeking direction to the respondent-State to produce official witnesses in trial of FIR No. 125 dated 25.5.2009, under Sections 186, 353, 323, 324, 435, 395 IPC, registered at Police Station Rama Mandi, District Jalandhar.

The grievance raised is that the FIR is of 2009, till date the prosecution evidence is not complete.

Learned counsel for the State, appearing on advance notice on instructions from ASI-Vijay Kumar submits that there were total eighteen prosecution witnesses and seventeen witnesses were examined. An application was moved by the petitioner (complainant before the trial court) to examine five more witnesses. As on date, six witnesses remain to be examined.

The court is informed that the next date fixed before the trial court is 27.7.2021.

Learned counsel for the State submits that an earnest effort in the present scenario would be made to conclude the prosecution evidence within two months from the date fixed.

There is no doubt that the trial court would give short dates to ensure that prosecution evidence is concluded within two months.

The petition stands disposed of.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

26th July, 2021
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| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |