

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

CRM-M-30177-2021

Date of decision-02.08.2021

Jagroop Singh @ Jagga

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Subhash Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing of the FIR No.170 dated 07.09.2016 registered under Sections 379, 411 and 482 Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Division No.8, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar. Alternatively, it has been prayed that direction be issued to trial Court for expediting the conclusion of trial in a time bound manner.

During the course of hearing, it is not disputed by learned counsel that after completion of investigation, the final report under Section 173 (2) Cr.P.C was submitted before the trial Court and thereafter, the charges were framed against the petitioner. He further states that only one prosecution witness has been examined so far.

After hearing learned counsel, this Court finds that the petitioner has not challenged the final report under Section 173(2)

Cr.P.C or the order of charges framed against him, therefore, the prayer for quashing of the FIR on merits alone is not maintainable.

Apart from it, the trial in the above case has commenced and one prosecution witness has already been examined. This Court is cognizant of the fact that because of breakout of COVID-19, the functioning of the Courts were restricted and it added delay in conclusion of trial. Presently, the situation is improving and the functioning of the Courts has also improved, therefore, at this stage, this Court does not deem it necessary to issue any direction to trial Court to conclude the trial in a particular time frame.

Dismissed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

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