

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
(Heard through VC)**

**CRM-M-32580 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.8.2021**

Bhupinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J.

This is a petition that has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure with a prayer to direct the trial court to expedite and conclude the trial in FIR No. 26 dated 14.3.2010 under Section 406/498-A IPC registered at Police Station Dehlon, District Ludhiana, which is pending for more than 11 years.

The facts in brief are that the daughter of the complainant, namely Amandeep Kaur was married with Resham Singh on 2.3.2009. After the marriage, the couple left to Canada in 2009 itself. The instant FIR came to be lodged on 14.3.2010 at the instance of the complainant—father of the Amandeep Kaur, on the allegations of demand of dowry as well as cruelty. It is claimed the petitioners, who are in the age group of 53 to 65, are distant relatives of Resham Singh and they have been falsely implicated in the instant FIR.

Notice of motion to respondent No.1 only.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent—State.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have perused the paper book.

It is alleged that the charges were framed against the petitioners as far back as 12.2.2015 and even their statements under Section 313 of the Code of Criminal Procedure have been recorded, but the trial is being delayed on one pretext or the other. It is submitted that the petitioners are facing protracted trial and their right to a speedy trial as provided under Article 21 of the Constitution of India is being violated.

However, at this stage, without going into the merit of the case and keeping in view the limited prayer made in the instant petition, the same is disposed of with a direction to the trial court to expedite the trial as expeditiously as possible, preferably within three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

12.8.2021
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No