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

CRM-M-39304-2021

Date of decision : 21.09.2021

Vikas Kumar @ Shinu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for issuance of directions to the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana to expedite and conclude the trial in a time bound manner in FIR No.79 dated 15.05.2018 registered under Section 379 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Division No.3, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was falsely implicated in FIR No.79 dated 15.05.2018. He has also referred to various zimni orders annexed with the petition in order to show that the charges in the present case were framed on 21.08.2019 and thereafter as many as 14 dates have been given and only one witness has been examined out of 12 witnesses. He has further submitted that since the

petitioner is in custody, thus, the trial has been delayed without any fault of him.

Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that in fact, in the present case, 3 witnesses have been examined out of 12 witnesses and the case is now fixed for 04.10.2021.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances and also the fact that FIR is of the year 2018 and despite more than 14 dates, 9 of the PWs remain to be examined and the petitioner is in custody, the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana is requested to expedite the trial in the abovesaid FIR and try to conclude the same as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of seven months.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of in the abovesaid terms.

21.09.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No