

114

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

CRM-M No.7991 of 2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 25.02.2022

Basant Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. H.S. Dhindsa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously as the FIR No.2 under Sections 323, 324, 326, 506, 148, 149 IPC was registered on 04.01.2015 at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur and the charges were framed vide order dated 11.07.2019 and after that only 02 PWs have been examined out of 23 PWs.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that since the case is pending since long, a direction be issued to the trial Court for expeditious conclusion of the trial.

Counsel for the State has however raised an objection that the petitioner remained proclaimed offender for a period of 01 year and after the petitioner surrendered back, the charges were framed in July, 2019, however, the trial is not concluded.

Considering the fact that due to COVID-19 situation, all the trials including the trials of heinous crimes have been delayed, no such direction can be issued, at this stage.

Dismissed.

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

25.02.2022

yakub

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No