

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

**CRM-M-25098-2019**

**Date of decision : 11.10.2022**

**GAGANDEEP SINGH @ GAGAN**

**... Petitioner(s)**

**Versus**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**...Respondent(s)**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI**

Present: Mr. Ankur Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ravinder Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

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**JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)**

The prayer in the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of the FIR No.96 dated 06.07.2016 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 201 IPC and Sections 43, 65, 66, 66-C IT Act at Police Station Maqsudan Jalandhar against the petitioner and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom including final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Jalandhar in case No.1419/2016 dated 20.09.2016 (Annexure P-2), order dated 16.04.2018 (Annexure P-3) passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Jalandhar and Charge-sheet dated 18.04.2018 (Annexure P-4) (whereby charges under Section 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC have framed against the petitioner) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

At the very outset, the learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he does not wish to press the present petition on merits but

prays that a direction be issued to the Trial Court to expedite the trial given the fact that charges were framed as far back on 18.04.2018.

The learned State counsel has brought it to the notice of this Court that only 04 out of the 72 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

In view of the respective contentions of both the parties, the present petition is disposed of with the direction to the Trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously not later than 12 months from the next date fixed before it.

**(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)**  
**JUDGE**

**11.10.2022**  
JITESH

**Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No**

**Whether reportable:- Yes/No**