

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(113) CRM-43713-2021 in/and
CRM-M-55072-2019
Date of Decision : February 01, 2022

George Subh .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab .. Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Simranjit Singh, Advocate, for the applicant-petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

CRM-43713-2021

Present application has been filed for preponing the date of hearing of the main petition i.e. CRM-M-55072-2019, which now stands adjourned to 19.05.2022.

Notice of the application to the counsel opposite.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and raises no objection for the grant of the prayer as raised in the present application.

Keeping in view the averments made in the application, which are duly supported by an affidavit, the application is allowed and hearing

the main petition i.e CRM-M-55072-2019 is preponed from 19.05.2022 to

today.

CRM-M-55072-2019

Present petition has been filed seeking direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial in respect of FIR No.85 dated 25.09.2015 registered under Sections 177, 420, 467, 468 and 120-B of the IPC at Police Station Begowal, in a time bound manner as pendency of the same is causing prejudice to the petitioner.

After the notice of motion, State has put in appearance.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that out of total 26 witnesses, 15 witnesses have already been examined and the delay which has occurred in conclusion of the trial is due to the restrictive working of the Courts due to the pandemic of Covid-19.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case as majority of the witnesses have already been examined and the FIR is registered about more than six and a half years ago, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of six months from the next date of hearing.

February 01, 2022*harsha***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)****JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned? : Yes

Whether reportable? : No