

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

DECIDED ON: 9th May, 2022

(1) CRM-M-55545-2019

M/s Rehal Steel Industries and others

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

M/s Dharam Pal and Company and another

.....RESPONDENTS

(2) CRM-M-55549-2019

M/s Rehal (India) and another

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

M/s Dharam Pal and Company and another

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Nagar Singh, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Nirbhay Garg, Advocate for respondents.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

These two petitions are filed seeking quashing of orders dated 26.11.2019, whereby the defence evidence of petitioners-accused has been closed in complaint No.992 and No. 987 dated 26.5.2014, under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 read with Section 420 IPC titled as M/s. Dharam Pal and Company and another Versus M/s Rehal (India) and others and M/s Dharam Pal and Company and another Versus M/s Rehal (India) and another, respectively.

Notice of motion was issued.

Mr. Nirbhay Garg, Advocate, appears for respondents and submits that he has no objection if another opportunity is granted to conclude the defence evidence. However, the opportunity should be made time bound.

Learned counsel for petitioners submits that the petitioners are not interested unnecessarily lingering the litigation and would conclude the defence evidence within three months from the next date fixed.

The impugned orders dated 26.11.2019 is set aside.

In view of above, the present petitions are allowed. The impugned orders are set aside. The trial Court shall proceed with the trial from the stage it was prior to passing of the impugned orders.

There is no doubt that the trial Court would accommodate the dates in a manner to ensure the conclusion of defence evidence within three months from the date already fixed.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

9th May, 2022

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>