

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

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CRM-M-5700-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.02.2023

Vishal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, AAG, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner through instant petition is seeking regular bail in FIR No.105 dated 02.07.2020 under Sections 304-B, 302 & 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.1, Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia* submits that prosecution witnesses are not coming forward just to delay the trial and keep the petitioner inside without conclusion of the trial. In support of his contention, he relied upon order dated 03.02.2023 passed by Additional Sessions Judge, Pathankot, wherein it is noted that Ajit Kumar PW-1 and Abhishek Sabarwal PW-2 were present in Court, however, did not come forward for examination.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that Trial Court may be directed to conclude the trial expeditiously.

The petitioner is in custody since 02.07.2020 and prosecution witnesses are not coming forward for their examination. The

petitioner cannot be kept behind the bars for indefinite period and prosecution is duty bound to conclude the trial at the earliest.

This Court finds prayer of the petitioner just and fair and request the Trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously and preferably within six months from today.

Disposed of in aforesaid terms.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

08.02.2023
Mohit Kumar

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