

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

(110)

**CRM-M-9263-2023
DATE OF DECISION:-22.02.2023**

Jagtar Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. J. S. Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J.

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for directing the trial Court in case No.CHI/64/2016 in FIR No.25 dated 02.03.2015, under Sections 419, 465, 466, 468 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar Rural, to complete the trial within stipulated period of time.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the aforementioned FIR which was recorded against the petitioner way back in the year 2015, charges were framed on 29.07.2017, though, all the prosecution witnesses already stand examined, however, an application under Section 311 Cr.P.C. was filed at the instance of prosecution for the purpose of comparing the signatures of the complainant with the agreement in question which was allowed by the trial Court on 30.08.2022. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even after expiry of almost 6 months thereafter, no report of the handwriting expert has been produced by the prosecution before the trial Court and the trial is being adjourned for no reasons except for awaiting the report. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is an old man of 62

years of age, facing trial for the past almost 8 years now and the delay is extending his agony, thus, he prays for issuance of directions to the trial Court for early conclusion of the same.

The prayer made at the instance of petitioner has been opposed by learned State counsel while submitting that all genuine efforts are being made by the prosecution towards the conclusion of trial and specimen signatures of the complainant have already been sent to the FSL Phillaur on 21.02.2023 and a report thereupon is awaited. Learned State counsel further submits that as soon as report is received, the same shall be presented before the trial Court, forthwith.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book. I find substance in the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner.

Considering the fact that FIR in question was registered way back in the year 2015 and the proceedings before the trial Court are already pending for almost 8 years now, besides considering the age of the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to request the trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

The present petition is disposed of accordingly.

22.02.2023
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
whether reportable: Yes/No