

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23528-2023

Date of Decision: 24.05.2023

BHUPINDER SINGH **PETITIONER**

VS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER **RESPONDENTS**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

Present: Mr. Vinod K.Kataria, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

GURBIR SINGH, J. (ORAL)

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This petition is filed under Section 439(2) Cr.P.C read with Section 482 Cr.P.C for the cancellation of the anticipatory bail order dated 10.03.2023 passed by the learned trial Court in FIR No. 182 dated 29.05.2020 under Section 420, 494 IPC registered at Police Station Sohana, District Mohali with a further prayer that learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class SAS Nagar be directed to conclude/decide the trial as soon as possible preferably within six months.

On the previous date learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted and restricted his prayer for issuance of direction to trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously.

In terms of order dated 10.05.2023 passed by Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, report from Judicial Magistrate Ist Class SAS Nagar

has been received through learned District & Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar and the same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that challan had been presented on 12.12.2022 in the absence of accused and notice to accused was issued for 04.01.2023 and then to 08.02.2023 and charge is yet to be framed. On the last date of hearing in the Court below i.e. 16.05.2023, case was adjourned on the request of learned Addl.PP for the State. The case is pending for consideration on charge. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner would be contented if directions are given to learned trial Court to decide the case within a period of 6 months or a year.

I am alive to the situation that so many old cases are pending in the Court of Magistrates where accused are in custody.

Keeping in view the facts of the case, the learned trial Court is directed to decide the case FIR No. 182 dated 29.05.2020 under Section 420, 494 IPC registered at Police Station Sohana, District Mohali expeditiously and ensure that no unnecessary adjournment is granted to the State or accused.

Disposed of.

24.05.2023
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(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No