

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

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2023:PHHC:097651
CRM-M-23907-2023
Date of decision: July 31st, 2023

Sanjeev Kumar Sharma @ Sanjeev Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Abhimanyu Kalsy, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking direction to learned Court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ludhiana, for expeditiously deciding the criminal case i.e. CHI No.1340 of 2017 titled as State Versus Rajiv etc.

2. Mr. Simranjeet Singh Sarwara, Advocate, has filed memorandum of appearance on behalf of respondent No.2, which is taken on record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that after the charges were framed on 18.09.2017 by the trial Court, the case had not made much progress and in the last five years, only two prosecution witnesses out of the 14 had been examined. Still further, while drawing the attention of this Court to order dated 07.02.2023 (Annexure P-40), learned counsel submits that despite the trial Court granting last opportunity to the prosecution on a number of occasions, the witnesses had not been putting in appearance. Resultantly, the trial had come to a virtual standstill.

4. Short reply by way of affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police (East), Ludhiana, has been filed in Court, which is taken on record.

5. Learned State counsel has controverted the submissions made by the counsel opposite qua only two prosecution witnesses having been examined. He submits that as many as four prosecution witnesses stand examined and the next date before the trial Court is 03.08.2023, when some more witnesses have been summoned. Hence, the trial will not take much time to conclude.

6. In the circumstances, this Court does not find any ground to issue directions as prayed for.

7. The petition, therefore, stands dismissed.

July 31st, 2023

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No