

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

243 CRM-M-57311-2022  
Date of Decision: 02.05.2023

Virender Prabhakar ..... Petitioner  
Versus  
CBI ..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA  
Present:- Mr. Rahul Sharma-I, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. R.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate for  
Mr. Rajeev Anand, Advocate for the respondent-CBI.

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ANOOP CHITKARA, J. (ORAL)

Challenging the dismissal of the application whereby the CBI Court had declined the request to summon defence witness on the ground of delay and other reasons, the accused had come up before this Court.

2. The accused-petitioner counsel submits that it would be in the interest of justice to summon Section Officer as DW-3.

3. Mere summoning of Section Officer does implies that some personal information was sought to be delivered from the said officer because the witness has not been mentioned by name but by designation.

4. The prosecution witnesses were examined way back in 2009 upto 2014 at time the accused kept on sitting on the fence and now apparently with a view to delay the trial, he has filed the present application. On the face of it, these are the tactics to delay the conclusion of the criminal prosecution.

5. Given above, the present petition is dismissed. The trial Court is directed to expedite the trial on top priority. Parties are directed not to seek any unnecessary adjournment.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)  
JUDGE

02.05.2023  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |