

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

Sr. No.127

CR-49-2023

Date of Decision: 12.04.2023

NARINDER KUMAR GULATI

....Petitioner

Versus

RAMESH RANI GULATI THROUGH LR AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present:- Ms. Puja Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARCHANA PURI, J (Oral).

Present revision petition has been filed for issuance of direction to the Court below for expeditious disposal of the case i.e. CS-4732-2021 filed on 04.04.2009/25.04.2009 titled '*Ramesh Rani and another v/s M/s Shobha Knitting Works and others*' in a time bound manner.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the aforesaid suit is pending in the Civil Court at Ludhiana since 2009 and has not made any progress and is proceeding at a snail's pace.

On the last date of hearing, considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, status report was called from the concerned Court and the same has been received and perused.

From the status report, it is evident that Narinder Gulati (petitioner herein), who is one of the defendants before learned Lower Court has been examined at DW-1 and his examination-in-chief had started on

22.10.2021, but after giving the detail of the manner of adjournment sought by one party or the other or by the witness, who was to produce the summoned record, it has been stated in the status report that now the witness has been completely examined on 21.03.2023.

Last paragraph of the status report is very important and is to be taken note of, wherein, it is stated that the petitioner had stated at Bar that he intends to examine as many as fifteen witnesses but no list of witnesses has been furnished. On query by the Court, learned counsel has also not been able to confirm as to whether the list of witnesses has been filed or not, till date.

In the given circumstances, no such time bound direction can be given. However, it is expected and desired of the Court below to keep a tab on the progress of the case, since it relates to the year 2009 there are various directions given by this Court *vis-a-vis* expeditious disposal of the cases which are 20 years, 10 years and 5 years old.

A copy of this order be sent to the concerned Court to sensitize itself and proceed in accord with the directions given by this Court and ensure about the expeditious disposal of the case.

Accordingly, the instant revision petition stands disposed of.

12.04.2023

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(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No