

119 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-64685-2023

Date of Decision: 21.12.2023

Prannay Raj Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Manoj Kumar Taya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Krishan K. Chahal, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

HARKESH MANUJA, J.(Oral)

1. By way of present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for issuance of direction to the Trial Court to expedite the proceedings arising out of Complaint No.NACT-1215-2020 titled as '*Prannay Raj Sharma vs. Real Cash Technology Limited*'.

2. Briefly stating, on account of dishonor of two cheques No.029631 dated 16.12.2019 and 029632 dated 16.12.2019, a complaint under Sections 138, 141 & 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and read with Section 420 IPC (for short 'the N.I. Act') came to be filed at the instance of petitioner, wherein summoning order was passed on 06.01.2021. Process of appearance of all the accused concluded on 19.09.2023.

3. Short grievance of the petitioner in the present case is that the proceedings in the complaint are being delayed at the instance of accused by seeking exemption from personal appearance. Learned counsel also submits

that appearance of the accused in pursuance of summoning order dated 06.01.2021, even took 2 years and 9 months to conclude and thus, he prays for issuance of direction to the Trial Court to expedite the proceedings.

4. Considering the fact that complaint in the present case was presented on 16.03.2020 followed by summoning order dated 06.01.2021; notice of accusation has not been served upon the accused and period of almost 04 years have gone by, the Trial Court is requested to expedite the proceedings and to conclude the same preferably within a period of one year from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

5. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

21.12.2023

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: yes/no

Whether reportable? yes/no