

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-3074-2024

Date of decision: 20.01.2024

Harpal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking issuance of directions to the Trial court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner as it has been almost six years since the trial in FIR No.12 dated 14.01.2018 under Sections 307/336/323/427/506/148/149 of the IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Chheharta, District Amritsar commenced.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner-complainant inter alia contends that after the FIR in question was lodged by him way back in the year 2018, challan was presented soon thereafter, followed by a supplementary charge sheet on 01.10.2020; charges were thereafter re-framed by the Trial Court on 04.10.2022, however, ever since then, recording of prosecution evidence had not commenced as firstly the witnesses had failed to appear before the Trial Court and some of the accused as per his information had left the country. A prayer has, therefore, been made to direct the Trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

3. I have heard learned counsel and perused the relevant material on record.
4. The petitioner, who himself is the complainant, is seeking issuance of directions to the Trial Court to summon his own witnesses, who as per him have not been appearing before the Trial Court. In the circumstances, no ground is made out to issue directions as sought for.
5. Accordingly, the instant petition is hereby dismissed.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No