

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-5424-2024

Date of decision: 05.02.2024

Amit Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Munish Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking issuance of directions to the learned Trial Court to proceed with case No.CHI/1675/2023 titled as 'State Vs. Neha Bhatia' in FIR No.0353 dated 11.12.2020 registered under Sections 420, 120-B of the IPC at Police Station Division No.5, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, as proceedings in the case are being lingered on at the behest of the private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, while drawing the attention of this Court to the zimni orders of the Trial Court concerned annexed as Annexure P-5, inter alia contends that a perusal of the same leaves no manner of doubt that on some pretext or the other the defence has been seeking unnecessary adjournments as a result of which the trial has not been able to proceed further even though the FIR was registered on 11.12.2020 followed by presentation of challan on 18.05.2023. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if appropriate directions are issued to the Trial Court concerned to proceed with the trial expeditiously.

- 4. Notice of motion.
- 5. On asking of the Court, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.
- 6. In view of the restricted prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the instant petition is disposed of with directions to the Trial Court concerned to proceed with the trial expeditiously, in accordance with law.

05.02.2024

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No