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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-11553-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.07.2024

Siddarth Soni

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Akshay Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

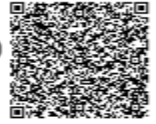
HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

CRM-29176-2024

1. Present application has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr.P.C.') for placing on record copies of interim orders passed by learned trial Court in case bearing No.CHI-197-2020 as Annexures A-1 to A-3, in compliance of the order dated 05.03.2024.
2. In view of the averments made in the application, same is allowed and copies of interim orders passed by learned trial Court are taken on record as Annexures A-1 to A-3, subject to all just exceptions.

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1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking



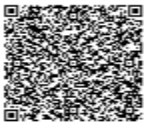
issuance of directions to learned trial Court to complete the trial in FIR No.109 dated 16.09.2019 under Sections 406, 498-A, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Women Police Station Gurgaon, District Gurugram, in a time bound manner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. was presented on 15.04.2020 and charges were framed on 18.09.2020 and delay in trial has caused on account of protest petition filed by the complainant against the persons, who were kept in column No.2 by the investigating agency. The petitioner earlier approached this Court by filing CRM-M-3670-2023, which was disposed of vide order dated 14.03.2023 (Annexure P-4) and learned trial Court was requested to proceed with the trial expeditiously after deciding the protest petition. In spite of passing of more than 16 months, the trial has not made any progress and it is still fixed for arguments on the protest petition. In order to substantiate his claim, learned counsel relies upon various zimni orders (Annexure A-1 to A-3) passed by learned trial Court. The delay in conclusion of the trial cannot be attributed to the petitioner and it violates his fundamental right as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India and prays that learned trial Court be directed to conclude the trial expeditiously.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Ranvir Singh Arya, Addl. AG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and on instructions

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from ASI Geeta, submits that no witness has been examined till date and the case is fixed for arguments on protest petition on 11.09.2024.

5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and limited prayer made by the petitioner, present petition is disposed of and learned trial Court is directed to conclude the trial of FIR (*supra*) expeditiously preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No