



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

**CRM-M No.21386 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 06.05.2024**

Palwinder Singh @ Pinda

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present:- Mr. Kulwinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (*for short 'Cr.P.C.'*), *inter alia*, for directing respondent Nos.1 to 5 to take adequate steps and to conclude the trial arising out of FIR No.0380 dated 31.10.2019 (P-1), under Sections 302 & 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 212 & 216 IPC added later on); Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Phillaur, District Jalandhar (Rural) in a time bound manner.



- (2) It is a matter of common knowledge that every Court is overburdened with heavy dockets; therefore, no mandate can be issued to learned trial Court to conclude the proceedings in a time bound manner.
- (3) Even Hon’ble the Supreme Court in the case of “**High Court Bar Association, Allahabad Versus State of U.P. and others**” (Criminal Appeal No.3589 of 2023, decided on 29.02.2024), held that in the ordinary course, Constitutional Courts should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for the disposal of cases pending before any other Courts and such directions may be given only in exceptional circumstances.
- (4) Moreover, as per information gathered from the Registry, learned Presiding Officer is dealing with total 1672 cases (517 Civil & 1155 Criminal) as on 01.05.2024.
- (4) In view of the above, no exceptional circumstance is made out to issue any direction to learned trial Court to conclude the proceedings in a time bound manner.
- (5) Consequently, the petition is dismissed.
- (6) However, learned trial Court is requested not to grant any unwarranted adjournments to either of the parties and progress report in the matter be sent by 31.10.2024 to the Registry of this Court.
- (7) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

6th May, 2024
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No