



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

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CRM-M-26417-2024

Date of Decision : **August 23, 2024**

DHIAN SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

CBI & ANR.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. A.S.Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Prateek Gupta, Advocate for the CBI.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, prayer is made for issuance of directions for expeditious disposal of the case bearing No. SC No.90 of 2017 titled as “CBI Vs. Bahadur Singh and others” in FIR No. RC0512006(s) 7(S)/2006/SCB/CHG dated 20.12.2006, Police Station Special Crime Branch, Chandigarh under Sections 120-B and 302 IPC in a time bound manner.
2. It not under dispute that the instant case is pending for the last 18 years.
3. On the last date of hearing i.e. 13.8.2024, this Court had directed the learned counsel for the CBI to have appropriate instructions with regard to the stage of the trial and the time required by the CBI to conclude its evidence.



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4. Today, the learned counsel for the respondent-CBI submits that infact in the instant case the CBI has filed an untrace report and thereupon, the learned trial Court concerned has taken *suo-moto* cognizance. He further submits that a total of 100 prosecution witnesses have been cited in the final report, out of which, 41 witnesses have already been examined and 9 witnesses have unfortunately died, 7 witnesses have been given up by the prosecution and now only 37 witnesses remain to be examined. He further submits that out of the 37 witnesses, 6 witnesses have now settled abroad and they will take all necessary steps to serve those witnesses, as well as to make efforts to examine them either through virtual platform, or any other mode. He in addition submits that the CBI will make all efforts to expedite the trial within 1½ years from today.

5. In view of the above, at this stage, a mandamus is passed upon the learned trial Court concerned to make all efforts to conclude the trial most expeditiously preferably within 1½ years from today. The CBI (prosecution agency) is also directed to ensure the presence of the witnesses as and when called by the learned trial Court concerned.

6. **Disposed** of accordingly.

7. Let a copy of this order be sent to the learned trial Court concerned for compliance.

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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No