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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-28486-2024****Date of Decision: 09.07.2024****Satish Kumar**

..... Petitioner

Versus**Richhpal Singh**

..... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. H.P.S. Raja, Advocate,
Mr. Parvesh Malik, Advocate and
Mr. Jatin Kundu, Advocate
for Mr. Kawalpreet Singh Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner Satish Kumar has filed petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of direction to learned trial Court to expedite the trial in case bearing NACT No. 409/2019 dated 21.09.2019, titled “Satish Kumar Vs. Richhpal”, pending before learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Safidon, District Jind.

2. On this petition, status report was called for. It is matter of record that complaint was filed on 21.09.2019. Summoning order was passed vide order dated 14.12.2019. Accused was served with notice of accusation on 10.08.2022 and since then case is fixed for recording evidence of complainant. The record shows that complainant examined five witnesses and the cross-examination of complainant as PW-5 was completed on 29.05.2024. On the request of complainant, again the case is adjourned for 24.07.2024. Therefore, till date, the case is pending for complainant evidence.

Learned counsel for the petitioner stated that evidence of complainant (petitioner in present case) will be closed on the date fixed.

3. I have considered the stand taken by the petitioner as well as the status report. Much time has been consumed to complete the evidence of complainant. It has come on record that on some of the dates, case was adjourned on the request of learned counsel for the accused for cross-examination of complainant/petitioner. It cannot be ignored that after conclusion of evidence, statement of accused under Section 313 Cr.P.C. is to be recorded and thereafter, the accused is to lead defence evidence. The learned trial Court is directed to conclude the proceedings in this case expeditiously by giving reasonable opportunity to respondent/accused to conclude defence evidence.

4. With the aforesaid direction, present petition is accordingly, disposed of.

5. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No