

**2024:PHHC:015037**

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

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**CRM-M-30235-2023**

Date of Decision : **February 05, 2024**

**RAJ KAPOOR**

.....Petitioner

***VERSUS***

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI**

Present: Ms. Pooja Singla, Advocate for  
Mr. Gagan Oberoi, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, AAG, Punjab.

**KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)**

1. Through the instant petition, prayer is made for issuance of direction to the learned trial Court concerned for speeding up the trial of the case bearing FIR No.28 dated 6.2.2019, under Sections 420, 120-B, 465, 467, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Focal Point, District Ludhiana and for deciding the same in a time bound manner.
2. On the last date of hearing i.e. 15.12.2023, this Court had called for the status report regarding the instant case from the learned trial Court concerned and asked for the reason in delay in framing of charges.
3. The learned trial Court concerned, vide its report No. 27 dated 3.2.2024, informs this Court that the charges could not be framed in the instant FIR, because of filing of number of applications by the accused for exemption and on one date, one of the accused also absented herself and thereupon on her appearance on 15.1.2024, the charges

against the accused were framed and now the case is fixed for 2.2.2024, for recording of statements of the prosecution witnesses.

4. Be that as it may, since the matter is pending before the learned trial Court concerned, from the year 2019 and only the charges have been framed, this Court deems it appropriate to pass mandamus upon the learned trial Court concerned, to make all efforts to expedite the recording of the prosecution witnesses.

5. Learned counsel for the complainant concerned, shall also ensure the presence of the witnesses, as cited in the list of witnesses, as and when called upon by the learned trial Court concerned.

6. Disposed of accordingly.

February 05, 2024  
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No

Whether Reportable. : Yes/No