



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-32968-2024

Date of decision: 12.07.2024

Nandu Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory Chandigarh and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Durga Dutt Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking expeditious disposal of appeal bearing No.CRA-118/2023 dated 22.02.2023 preferred before the learned Appellate Court Chandigarh titled as 'M/s Shri Mahadev Traders Vs. Ashok Kumar' against the order of conviction and sentence dated 23.01.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by learned JMIC Chandigarh in Complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (for short, 'the NI Act').

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is behind bars and there is no possibility of the appeal concluding in the near future; his prayer for suspension of sentence has been declined in view of his inability to pay 20% of the compensation amount under Section 148 of the NI Act.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Mohit Rana, Advocate for Mr.

C.S. Bakhshi, A.P.P., U.T. Chandigarh, accepts notice on behalf of

respondent No.1-U.T., Chandigarh.

5. Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.1-U.T., Chandigarh has brought to the notice of this Court that the case is now fixed for final arguments on 23.08.2024 and, hence, there is every likelihood that within next two months the appeal would be decided.

6. In view of the above, no ground is made out to issue directions as prayed for. Accordingly, the instant petition is hereby dismissed.

12.07.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE