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

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Date of Decision:- 28.11.2024

Ravinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Ripudaman Singh Sidhu, Advocate for
Mr. Paras Jagga, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner Ravinder Singh has filed petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for giving direction to learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Nabha to expedite trial bearing CHI-79 of 2017 in case FIR No. 0054 dated 25.05.2016 (Annexure P-1), registered under Section 452, 323, 427, 34 of IPC at Police Station Kotwali Nabha, District Patiala, in a time bound manner.

2. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that trial in this case is going at a slow pace. Prosecution evidence has been concluded and statement of accused also recorded. Case is pending for defence evidence since 11.05.2023. In petition, learned counsel for petitioner has given detail of *zimni* orders passed from 11.05.2023 till 14.05.2024, according to which

time and again, case is adjourned for defence evidence and on certain dates

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application filed by accused seeking exemption from personal appearance are allowed liberally. Thereafter, accused filed applications one after the other which are pending for disposal.

3. Status report filed by respondent-State is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. Copy thereof supplied to learned counsel for petitioner.

4. Report has also been received from concerned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Nabha, in which it is alleged by Presiding Officer that he has received file by way of transfer on 20.09.2023 and case is pending for 25.10.2024 for defence evidence, if any, otherwise for addressing arguments. Perusal of status report clearly indicates that case is pending before said Magistrate for last one year. Case is being adjourned without any concrete valid reason. Therefore, considering the factual position, learned trial Court is directed to dispose of trial expeditiously as per law, within six weeks from today.

5. With aforesaid observation, present petition stands disposed of.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall stands disposed of accordingly.

28.11.2024

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