

..... Petitioner

.....Respondent

Present: Ms. Saloni Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab.

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.113 dated 18.12.2021, registered under Sections 420, 406, 506, 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals Act, 2014, at Police Station Bholath, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner had contended before this Court on 18.11.2024 that the Presiding Officer is on maternity leave and thus, there is no progress in the trial.

This Court directed the District and Sessions Judge concerned to send its report, which has been received. A perusal of the report received from learned District and Sessions Judge, Kapurthala dated 21.11.2024 shows that another Presiding Officer has already been deputed in place of earlier Presiding Officer who has proceeded on maternity leave. It is specifically mentioned in the report that the Court is being held by learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Bholath on every Wednesday and Friday and the present case is fixed for 29.11.2024 for recording of defence evidence and directions have already been issued to the concerned Court to conclude the trial at the earliest.

In view of the above, it is apparent that the trial is at the fag end. Keeping in view the stage of the trial, the Court refrains itself from making any comment and the present petition is disposed of as such.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No