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CRM-M-58339-2023
Date of decision: 03.05.2024

Antony Madassery ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. M.K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanav Bansal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Lalit Singla, Advocate and
Mr. Varsha Sharma, Advocate
for respondents No.7 & 8.

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ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

1. Seeking directions to the trial Court to decide the case i.e. PC-13-2019 titled as State of Punjab vs. ASI Joginder Singh and others registered under Section 4 of Prevention of Corruption Act, pending in the Court of Additional Sessions Judge-3, SAS Nagar Mohali, in a time bound manner, the petitioner has come up before this Court by filing the present petition under Section 482 CrPC.

2. The petitioner, who is an informant has come up before this Court under Section 482 CrPC on the ground that the accused are unnecessarily delaying the trial indulging in delaying tactics. He further submits that charges have already been framed in the present case and the charge-sheet dated 08.01.2020 is annexed at Annexure P-3.

3. I have heard counsel for the parties and gone through the record. In view of the facts and circumstances, no prejudice would be caused to the accused if this Court expedite the trial.

4. Given above, considering the petitioner's prayer, the concerned trial court is requested to make all endeavours to conclude the trial by 15.10.2024. To meet the deadline, an endeavour be made to speed up the process for service and to pass the

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necessary directions in this regard. It is clarified that if expediting this trial disturbs the docket of the concerned court, then a balance be struck, and if, on this account, any delay happens, then an extension can be sought by mentioning such reasons. It is clarified that this order speeding up the trial is subject to the condition that neither the petitioner shall seek any adjournment nor try to use any tactics to delay the trial. If they do so, this order of expediting the trial shall stand automatically recalled by resorting to Section 362, read with Section 482 Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, without any further reference to this court. If any of the accused is on bail and fail(s) to attend the trial without any sufficient cause, then they be dealt with strictly but in accordance with law.

6. Petition is partly allowed to the extent mentioned above. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No.