



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 56063 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.11.2024

Harkrishan Singh alias MonuPetitioner

versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present : Ms. Komalpreet Kaur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab with
Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

The grievance of the petitioner, who happens to be an accused in a trial arising out of FIR No. 110 dated 15.07.2016 under Section 379-B of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Dharamkot, District Moga, is that since filing of the charge-sheet on 18.01.2024 before the trial Court, even charges have not been framed as yet against the accused persons.

2. Learned State counsel informs that due to other co-accused being absconding against whom proceedings under Sections 82/83 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for declaring them as proclaimed absconders have already been initiated on 23.10.2023, the trial is delayed.

3. Since offence in question attracts maximum sentence of 10 years, it is incumbent upon the trial Court to conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of six months. Trial Court is free to exercise all coercive steps against the absconding co-accused with the ultimate object to conclude the trial expeditiously.

4. With these observations, the petition stands disposed of.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

13.11.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned	√Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No√