



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-10914-2023

Date of Decision : November 19, 2025

PARVESH GUPTA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

M/S CLASSIC ENTERPRISES

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present : Mr. Vipul Babuta, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ankur Thakur, Advocate for the respondent.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

1. The prayer in the present petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing of order dated 20.02.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ludhiana in complaint case titled as M/s Classic Enterprises Vs. Parvesh Gupta etc. in complaint No.COMA/4019/2017 vide which the defence evidence of the petitioner has been closed.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that on one date, as the petitioner's counsel was not available, an adjournment was sought. However, vide impugned order his defence evidence has been closed and the matter was adjourned for arguments to 27.02.2023. He prays that one opportunity be given to the petitioner to lead his defence evidence.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-complainant submits that the petitioner-accused has availed multiple

opportunities to lead evidence in defence. In fact, seven counsels have been changed by the petitioner over the course of the trial. Therefore, he be not accorded any more latitude and the present petition be dismissed.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

5. Admittedly, the petitioner seems to have availed multiple opportunities to lead evidence in defence. However, it is equally true that on the date fixed, his counsel appears not to have been present and an adjournment had been sought by the petitioner. As such, no irreparable loss could be caused to the respondent in case one opportunity is granted to the petitioner to lead evidence in defence.

6. In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the impugned order dated 20.02.2023 is quashed subject to a payment of Rs.15,000/- as costs to be deposited with Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Disaster Relief Fund, Account No.44426937384, IFSC Code: SBIN0014656 SBI, Sector 68, SAS Nagar. The petitioner is granted one opportunity only to lead evidence in his defence.

7. Pursuant thereto, the Trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of four weeks.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

November 19, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No