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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:- 06.08.2025

Vikrant Khurmi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Karan Singla, Advocate and
Ms. Malvi Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, Assistant A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner Vikrant Khurmi has filed petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking direction to trial Court to expedite the trial in FIR No. 110 dated 03.06.2021 under Section 306, 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur, Punjab (Annexure P-1).
2. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that trial in this case is pending for last four years. Aforesaid FIR was registered on his statement. Challan was presented before Illaqa Magistrate and case was committed and received by Judge, Special Court, Sangrur by way of entrustment. Copy of *zimni* orders are also annexed. Charge-sheet was framed on 23.12.2021 (Annexure P-3) and since then case is being adjourned for prosecution evidence. Learned counsel referred to *zimni* orders starting from 13.01.2022 till 04.07.2023, when no prosecution witness could be examined. Thereafter, supplementary challan was presented and several dates were given for consideration on charge and



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finally amended charge-sheet was framed as per order dated 29.02.2024. Therefore, trial in this case is going at a slow pace.

3. Report has been called from concerned trial Court. Learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangrur pointed out that this case was taken up by said Court for first time on 29.04.2025. During this period, statement of complainant Vikrant Khurmi was recorded in-chief partly and application was filed under Section 319 Cr.P.C. Case was adjourned on few dates and thereafter, application under Section 319 Cr.P.C. has been disposed of and now it is again fixed for prosecution evidence. Learned trial Court assured that all efforts shall be made to expedite the disposal of this case.

4. In the light of aforesaid factual position, it cannot be ignored that initially no concrete step was taken for recording the testimonies of prosecution witnesses and case was adjourned time and again without any progress. After amendment of charge-sheet, statement of complainant was recorded in part and thereafter, application was filed under Section 319 Cr.P.C. which has already been disposed of. Now, case is pending for prosecution evidence. Trial Court has given assurance to expedite the trial. Therefore, present petition is accordingly, disposed of with direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial by giving reasonable dates and to dispose it of as per law.

5. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No