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113 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 21.02.2025

LT COL RAMANDEEP SINGHPetitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHERRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Mr.Gautam Dutt, Advocate and
Mr. Radhika Suri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner Lieutenant Colonel Ramandeep Singh filed petition under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for issuance of direction to learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class-7, Jalandhar to decide the case bearing No. CHI-742 of 2022 titled as 'State of Punjab Vs. Lt. Col. Ramandeep Singh & Ors.,' arising out of FIR No.104, dated 12.09.2021 under Sections 406, 498-A, 506 and 509 IPC registered at Police Station Women Commissionerate Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, expeditiously in a time bound manner or any other direction in the given facts and circumstances of the case.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner pointed out that FIR No.104 dated 12.09.2021 (Annexure P-1) was lodged on the written complaint filed by Risham Mahajan. After investigation challan in this case was presented on 02.06.2022 and since then trial in this case is going on at a slow pace. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record copies of interlocutory orders Annexures P-2 to P-34 and Annexures P-37 to P-52. During the pendency of the trial, matter was adjourned in routine manner.



Various applications were filed by the prosecution i.e. application under Section 311 Cr.P.C. and application under Section 319 Cr.P.C. and much time was consumed in the disposal of said applications. Therefore, petitioner is facing trial since long and the trial Court may be directed to decide the case expeditiously.

3. Status report has been received from Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Jalandhar vide letter No.544 dated 18.02.2025 giving detail of proceedings of the case. Perusal of report shows that now application under Section 319 Cr.P.C. has been disposed of vide order dated 21.08.2024 and at present case is pending for prosecution evidence. Learned Judicial Magistrate further alleged that sincere efforts are being made for expeditious disposal of trial.

4. Considering the report furnished by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class-7, Jalandhar shows that much time was consumed in the disposal of miscellaneous applications filed during the trial from time to time. Challan in this case was presented on 02.06.2022 and till date only one witness PW-1 has been examined partly in chief. Concern shown by the petitioner while filing this petition is not without basis. Explanation given by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Jalandhar, is not satisfactory.

5. Since, trial in this case is at an initial stage, therefore, I do not find it appropriate to pass any direction for the disposal of trial in a time bound manner. However, the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class-7, Jalandhar is directed to proceed with the trial by giving reasonable dates for the conclusion of prosecution evidence and make every possible effort to dispose of the case expeditiously.



6. Accordingly, present petition stands disposed of.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

21.02.2025

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 2. Whether reportable : Yes /No