



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-58523-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28.08.2025

Roop Rani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG Punjab

Mr. Mukul Ahuja, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 and 3

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the complainant is the author of the FIR and though the application filed under Section 348 BNSS stands partly allowed, however prays for one opportunity to lead her evidence, so as to get her statement recorded, which may even be subject to costs, for which he relies on the judgment of this Court in **Satish Kumar vs. State of Punjab and Others**, CRM-M-10524-2018, decided on 16.09.2024, where such prayer was allowed and the order closing prosecution evidence set aside.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents despite his best efforts has not been able to controvert the factual position and draw out any distinctive aspects in the aforementioned judgment or cite any contrary law.

3. The goal of a criminal trial is to arrive at the truth, and procedural laws must aid, not obstruct it. This Court, while being mindful of the fact that the trial Court has already been generous in granting opportunities to the prosecution, is still of the view that, in the interest of justice, one further opportunity be granted to the petitioner-complainant to lead her evidence, so as to avoid any failure of justice, which shall be subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to respondent



Nos 2 and 3.

4. In order to balance the equities, whilst also not overlooking the right of an accused to a speedy disposal of the case, the trial Court is directed to ensure that the proceedings are concluded expeditiously, in accordance with law.

5. Disposed of, accordingly.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

28.08.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No