

Saurav & others vs. State of H.P. & another

Cr.MP 2045 of 2023 Cr.MMO No.
202 of 2020

30.06.2023 Present: Ms. Shruti, Advocate, vice counsel for the petitioners.

Ms. Sharmila Patial, Addl. A.G., for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ajay Thakur, Advocate, vice counsel for respondent No.2.

Vide order dated 7.9.2022, learned trial Court was directed to conclude the trial on or before 31.3.2023. A request letter dated 7.5.2023 has been received from learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hamirpur for extension of time for conclusion of the trial on the ground that the Court of Additional Sessions Judge at Nurpur is a newly created Court. Only two out of twenty eight witnesses have been examined so far. Further time of eight to ten months has been sought for complying with the directions of this Court.

It was specifically observed by this Court while passing the order dated 7.9.2022 that the FIR in question was registered as far back as on 5.11.2015. More than eight years have elapsed thereafter and the trial has not been concluded. It was in such background that the direction, as noted above, was issued.

Learned Additional Sessions Judge has sought extension of time merely on the ground that the Court of Additional Sessions Judge at Nurpur is a newly created Court but it has not been clarified as to what has happened in the trial before the case was remitted to the newly created Court. Let the learned Additional Sessions Judge submit a detailed report detailing therein the reason which has caused the delay in trial of the case till date. Needful be done within two weeks.

List on **14.7.2023.**

(Satyen Vaidya)
Judge

30th June, 2023
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