

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

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CRM-M-41550-2015

Date of Decision: 21.12.2017

Sita Ram Mahajan and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

**Present: Mr. Amit Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioners.**

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, A.A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for quashing the order dated 13.10.2014 (Annexure P-5) passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Gurdaspur, whereby in a cross-version case, learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class had dismissed the application filed by the petitioners under Section 205 Cr.P.C. Through the said application, the petitioners had sought exemption from personal appearance in the court.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Daljit Singh, states that trial in the case is at an advanced stage as out of 20 witnesses, 10 witnesses have already been examined and the case is now fixed for 03.02.2018.

Taking into consideration the stage of the trial, prayer of the petitioners for grant of exemption from personal appearance cannot be accepted. However, considering the fact that trial in this case is at an advanced stage, trial Court is directed to conclude the trial preferably within a period of nine months.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

December 21, 2017
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No