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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **BAIL APPLN. 196/2019 and Crl. M.A. 1652/2019**

RAM BILAS PASWAN

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sudarshan Rajan, Md. Qamer Ali,
Mr. Ghanshyam bhati and Mr. Ramesh Rawat,
Advocates

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Kewal Singh Ahuja, APP with SI
Nishant Dahiya

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.K.GAUBA

ORDER

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24.01.2019

Status report filed.

After some hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the captioned petition and the application filed therewith though his request being that directions may be given for expeditious proceedings in as much as he has been in custody since 13.10.2017.

The petition and the application filed therewith are dismissed as withdrawn.

It appears that after the trial had commenced against the petitioner and two of his co-accused, one additional accused Dhan Bhakta has been arrested and a supplementary charge-sheet in his

respect has been submitted, which has turned the clock back in as much as charge is to be framed against such additional accused followed by recall of some of the witnesses who had been earlier examined for fresh examination. The submissions of the prosecution, as indeed of the petitioner, brought out that from amongst 18 victims of the alleged offences who are to be examined by the prosecution, there are at least five who were minors at the relevant point of time.

The learned Additional Public Prosecutor concedes that given the time that has been spent thus far, there is a need for expedition. He assures that the prosecution would take all necessary steps to examine the material witnesses particularly the five minor ones at an early date. After evidence of such witnesses has been examined, the petitioner may, as is requested, move fresh bail application to be considered by the trial court and, thereafter, if need be, he may approach this court again.

R.K.GAUBA, J.

JANUARY 24, 2019

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