IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA.
Cr.MP(M) No. 925 of 2020
Decided on: 2.7.2020

Sandeep Thakur .....Petitioner

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh .....Respondent

Coram:
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Sharma, Judge.
Whether approved for reporting? [1]

For the Petitioner	**:**	Mr. Ajay Shandil, Advocate, through Video Conferencing.
For the Respondent	**:**	Mr. Sudhir Bhatnagar, Additional Advocate General, through Video Conferencing.

Sandeep Sharma, Judge (oral):

Having carefully perused status report filed in terms of order dated 23.6.2020, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw the present petition, with liberty to file afresh at appropriate stage, if so required and desired.

2. In view of the aforesaid, present petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as prayed for. However, having taken note of the fact that vide order dated 10.12.2019, passed in Cr.MMO No. 757 of 2019, direction was issued to the court below to conclude the trial on or before 31.3.2020, this Court expects the court below to make all out efforts to conclude the trial expeditiously, preferably on or before **31.7.2020**. Perusal of order dated 3.12.2019, reveals that after closure of evidence,

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[1] *Whether the reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

matter repeatedly came to be adjourned for recording the statement of accused under Section 313 Cr.PC. Matter was lastly listed before the court below on 11.3.2019 for recording the statement of accused under Section 313 Cr.PC, but till date, trial has not been concluded. This Court on judicial as well as administrative sides, has been repeatedly advising the courts below to conclude the trial of under trials on top most priority so that their freedom is not curtailed for an indefinite period. Needless to say, prosecution shall render all assistance to the court below, enabling it to do the needful well within the stipulated period. Registry is directed to apprise the court below with regard to passing of the instant order.

2nd July, 2020 **(Sandeep Sharma),**
manjit **Judge**