

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-25328-2020 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 18.12.2020**

Harpreet Singh @ Happy

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. K.S.Lakhanpal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate, for the complainant.

*(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)***GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)**

1. Learned State counsel has informed that the entire prosecution evidence stands concluded and the matter is now fixed for recording defence evidence.
2. In view of the aforestated position, this Court does not deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner at this stage.
3. The trial Court is, however, directed to take necessary steps as may be possible during the present times on account of spread of pandemic for expediting the trial provided that counsel for the accused extends full cooperation for the same. In case, any defence witness is to be examined, the trial Court may record such statement either by physical process, if found safe and convenient subject to adherence of all the safeguards as prescribed by the

Health Authorities or may explore the possibility of recording the same through video conferencing subject to the condition that defence counsel extends utmost cooperation for the same.

4. The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

18.12.2020
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**
Whether reportable: **Yes/No**