

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

CRM-M-31175-2020

Date of decision: 9.10.2020

ABHISHEK KATARIA @ PRINCE

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.P.S. Gill, DAG, Punjab.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing).

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The Learned State counsel has informed that all the prosecution witnesses have already been examined and that the trial is virtually at its fag end.
2. Faced with the aforesaid position, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw this petition at this stage.
3. In view of the aforesaid position, the petition stands dismissed as withdrawn at this stage. However, the trial Court is directed to take necessary steps as may be possible during the present times on account of spread of pandemic for expediting the trial provided the counsel for the accused extends full cooperation for the same. In case the statement of the accused is to be recorded in terms of Section 313 Cr.P.C. or 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. The petition is thus disposed off with the aforesaid directions.

9.10.2020
Gaurav Sorot

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**