

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

CRM No.M-6672 of 2021

Date of Decision: March 01, 2021

Gillian Abang

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present: Mr.Sartaj Singh Gill, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr.H.S.Multani, AAG Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

ARCHANA PURI, J.

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhpal Singh, has submitted that in the list of witnesses, annexed with the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C., 13 witnesses have been cited. However, he submits that 5 witnesses shall be given up on the next date of hearing i.e. on 12.03.2021 and only 8 witnesses are to be examined in the present case. He has also given an undertaking that an endeavour shall be made to examine all the 8 witnesses on the next date of hearing and he has assured about the expeditious conclusion of trial. Even, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, if so required, he shall take two dates for leading defence

evidence. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that he shall

not press present petition, if the expeditious trial of the case is conducted.

In view of the aforesaid submissions, it is pertinent to mention that in the present case, challan was presented against the petitioner on 22.07.2019 and charge has been framed on 24.09.2019 but however, till date, no witness has been examined by the prosecution. The next date of hearing before the trial Court is 12.03.2021.

The assurance has been given by learned State counsel that 5 out of 13 witnesses shall be given up on the next date hearing and an endeavour shall be made to produce remaining 8 witnesses on the next date of hearing i.e. 12.03.2021. However, in case of any compulsive reason, the witnesses could not be examined on 12.03.2021, then, an endeavour shall be made by the trial Court to examine aforesaid witnesses within a period of one week thereafter. After the conclusion of the prosecution evidence, an endeavour shall also be made by the trial Court to give two opportunities to the defence counsel to lead defence, within the month of April only and then to decide the case finally, within a period of 15 days thereafter.

In view of the aforesaid arrangement, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the present petition.

Ordered accordingly.

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

March 01, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No