

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana  
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-31344-2020 (O&M)  
Date of Decision:- 11.1.2021

Hardeep Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL**

Present:- Mr. L.M.Gulati, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

*(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)*

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**GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)**

Today, at the very outset, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the present petition and that the trial Court may however, be directed to expedite the trial.

In view of the aforesaid request, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

Since, the petitioner has been behind bars since the last more than 1 ½ years, the trial Court is directed to take necessary steps as may be possible under the prevalent circumstances of spread of pandemic to make efforts for expediting the trial provided that counsel for the accused extends full cooperation for the same. The statements of remaining prosecution witnesses and defence witness, if any, may either be recorded by physical

process, if found safe and convenient subject to adherence of all the safeguards as prescribed by the Health Authorities or may the possibility of recording the same through video conferencing may be explored subject to the condition that defence counsel extends utmost cooperation for the same so that efforts may be made thereafter for hearing final arguments at the earliest.

**January 11, 2021**

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No