

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

CRM-M-20616-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 01.02.2024

Major Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. S.S.Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Gurbakshish Singh.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the instant petition at this stage.

In view of the aforesaid request, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn at this stage with liberty to file afresh in case there is inordinate delay in conclusion of the trial.

However, having regard to the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars for the last about 3 years, this Court deems it appropriate to issue the following directions:

- (i) The trial Court shall frame a schedule of dates in advance for summoning the witnesses and shall also endeavour to

record the statements of the PWs whose presence is duly secured. Special Messengers be deputed for securing the presence of the PWs. If deemed necessary, a letter may be written to the Senior Superintendent of Police, concerned, for getting the needful done for ensuring timely presence of PWs.

- (ii) The prosecution is directed to ensure the presence of all the PWs before the trial Court on the dates as may be fixed by the trial Court for recording prosecution evidence. The District Attorney concerned to take necessary steps for the purpose of securing the presence of the remaining PWs.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No