

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-46234-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.09.2024

Vijay Kumar and others ...Petitioners

Versus

State through Drugs Control Officer, Barnala ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

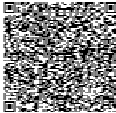
Present:- Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 528 of BNSS, has been made by the petitioners for quashing of order dated 11.07.2024 passed by Additional Sessions Judge, Barnala in case CIS No.SC/31/2019 titled as *State through Drugs Control Officer vs. Vijay Kumar and others*, whereby, the trial Court had allowed the application of prosecution to record statement of the witness by video conferencing through mobile phone.
2. Heard.
3. A perusal of the impugned order shows that while allowing the application, as moved by the prosecution, the trial Court had permitted PW Prabhdeep Singh, the then Drugs Control Officer, Barnala to depose through video conferencing as presently, he is residing in Canada. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that this petition may be disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to record the statement of the aforesaid witness through video conferencing only as per existing rules and not through his

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mobile phone.

4. In view of the limited dispute involved in this petition, the same is disposed of. The trial Court is directed to record the statement of the aforesaid witness by way of video conferencing by due involvement of authorized Remote Point Controller, in accordance with the High Court Rules and Orders.

23.09.2024

Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No