



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

CR-5703-2025(O&M)
Date of decision: 25.08.2025

Santa Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Mandeep Singh Chahal and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Narinder Singh Dadwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (ORAL)

By way of the instant revision petition, preferred under Article 227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner/plaintiff (Santa Singh) assails the order dated 01.08.2025 (Annexure P-1), passed by the Court of Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.), Jagraon, vide which the application moved by respondent/defendant No.1 (Mandeep Singh Chahal) for recording his evidence by way of video conference was allowed.

2. A suit for permanent injunction is stated to have been filed by the petitioner/plaintiff. During the course of evidence, initially an application was filed by respondent/defendant No.1 for recording his evidence by way of video conference/WhatsApp. However, the same was declined vide order dated 02.12.2024 (Annexure P-4). The said order was challenged by way of CR-625-2025, which was disposed of on 30.01.2025 (Annexure P-5). The impugned order therein was set aside and liberty was granted to the respondent/defendant No.1 to move a fresh application for recording his



evidence through video conference in terms of the rules enacted by this Court.

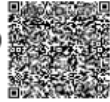
3. Pursuant thereto, application (Annexure P-6) was filed, which was opposed by way of reply (Annexure P-7).

4. By way of the impugned order dated 01.08.2025 (Annexure P-1), the said application has been allowed, leading to filing of the present revision petition.

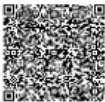
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite liberty having been granted to respondent/defendant No.1 on 30.01.2025, the application was filed on 21.04.2025. He further submits that after the plaintiff's evidence was closed, defendant No.1 availed six opportunities but no evidence was led. Thereafter, the first application for recording of evidence by way of video conference was moved, which was earlier dismissed. Even, after the revision petition having been allowed vide order dated 30.01.2025, respondent/defendant No.1 took another period of four months to file the application, which shows that there is a deliberate attempt on the part of respondent/defendant No.1 to delay the proceedings.

6. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, I do not find any reason to interfere in the impugned order. The same is well-reasoned and has been passed in accordance with law granting permission to respondent/defendant No.1 to depose through video conference:

“8. Upon due consideration of the submissions and circumstances, this Court is satisfied that the request is reasonable and justified, and that allowing the witness to depose through video conferencing would



serve the ends of justice and avoid undue delay. Accordingly, in exercise of the inherent powers of this Court under Section 151 CPC the same is allowed subject to "Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts" contained in Part-H of Chapter 1 of the Rules and Orders of Punjab & Haryana High Court, Volume-V. All protocols applicable to a physical Court shall apply to such virtual proceedings. The Rules as applicable to a Court shall mutatis mutandis apply to a Commissioner appointed by the Court to record evidence and to an inquiry officer conducting an inquiry. A formal request along with the copy of this order and also a copy of the Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts, as incorporated in Part-H of Chapter 1 of Rules and Orders of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Volume-V, be sent to the Consulate General of India, Toronto, Canada through email, with a request to depute an official of Indian Consulate as remote point Coordinator in terms of Rule 5.3 to facilitate the Court to record the evidence of witness in this case. The remote point coordinator shall ensure due compliance of provisions of Rule 5.6 of the Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts, The System Officer, attached to this Court, is hereby appointed as Court Point Coordinator. Ld. counsel for applicant/ defendant no. 1 is directed to furnish Passport and one ID proof of the applicant/ defendant no. 1 as per Government of India/ State Government/ Union Territory of India and to furnish details regarding nearest office of the Consulate General of India to the witness for necessary further action. Both the parties are directed to come up on 14.08.2025 for further proceedings.”



7. As regards the apprehension expressed by learned counsel for the petitioner that attempts are being made to delay the Court proceedings, this Court is sanguine that the trial Court shall look into the same and thwart any such attempts made by either party to delay the proceedings.
8. That being so, I do not find any merit in the present revision petition and the same is accordingly dismissed.
9. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(Vikram Aggarwal)
Judge

August 25, 2025
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Whether speaking / reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No