



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

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CRM-M-38938-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 05.05.2026

Santokh Singh Benipal and Others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. J.S. Mundi, Advocate for the petitioners

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG Punjab

Mr. Fateh Sahota and Ms. Dictar Singh, Advocates
for respondent No.2

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel for petitioner No.1, after arguing for some time, prays for withdrawal of the petition with liberty to take all pleas before the trial Court at the appropriate stage, in accordance with law, however, prays for grant of exemption from his personal appearance, which may be subject to any conditions.

2. Ordered accordingly. Petitioner No.1 is granted exemption from his personal appearance before the trial Court during pendency of the case, subject to his filing an affidavit before the Court concerned that he has no objection in case, the proceedings before it are held in his absence; in the presence of his counsel and shall appear before the said Court as and when his presence would be absolutely necessary.

**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE**

05.05.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No