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AT CHANDIGARH

CR-625-2025
DECIDED ON: 30.01.2025

MANDEEP SINGH CHAHAL

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

SANTA SINGH AND ANOTHER

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL.

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

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

The present revision petition is directed against the order dated 02.12.2024 (Annexure P-5) passed by the Court of learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Jagraon vide which the application (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioner-defendant for recording his evidence through Video Conferencing/WhatsApp has been declined.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the application moved by the petitioner was erroneously declined by the Court concerned on an unjustified ground that the application had been moved to delay the proceedings and that it would cause inconvenience to the opposite party. He submits that the said order is not sustainable.

3. On a specific query having been raised as to whether, the application had been moved in terms of the Video Conferencing Rules framed by this Court and as contained in Volume V, Chapter 1, Part H of the High Court Rules and Orders (vide correction slip No.82 dated 10.12.2021, a rule was made that the proceeding for video conferencing for civil matters in Sub-ordinate Courts shall be followed as prescribed in Part H, Chapter 1 of Rules and Orders of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Volume V), learned

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counsel fairly concedes that the application was not moved for recording the evidence by way of Video Conferencing in terms of the said rules.

4. There would be no necessity of issuing notice to the respondents, for in view of the nature of the order that is proposed to be passed, no prejudice would be caused to them.

5. A perusal of the order shows that even the learned trial Court has not made any reference to the said rules which duly provides for recording the evidence by way of Video Conferencing even in civil cases.

In view of the above, the revision petition is allowed. The impugned order dated 02.12.2024 (Annexure P-5) is set aside granting liberty to the petitioner to move a fresh application for recording of his evidence through Video Conferencing in terms of the aforesaid Rules enacted by this Court. In case, such an application is moved, the same shall be decided by the learned trial Court in accordance with law.

30.01.2025

Prince Chawla

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No