

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO. 290 OF 2020

REEPAK KANSAL

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PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER

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RESPONDENTS

ORDER

1. The petitioner has invoked Article 32 of the Constitution of India to approach this Court directly by filing a writ petition praying *inter alia* to make provisions in law to deal with cases of sexual assault against transgenders/transsexuals and lay down mechanisms to prevent their sexual harassment.
2. We are of the opinion that the petitioner ought to have approached the High Court in the first instance for relief under Article 226 of the Constitution of India instead of rushing to this Court directly so that this Court would have the benefit of at least one judgment on the issues raised in the present petition.
3. The petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the present petition while reserving his right to approach the High Court for appropriate relief.
4. Leave, as prayed for, is granted.
5. The writ petition is disposed of as withdrawn.

.....J.
[HIMA KOHLI]

.....J.
[R. MAHADEVAN]

NEW DELHI
AUGUST 14, 2024

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