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Uber victim challenges recall of witnesses

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NEW DELHI: The victim in the Uber rape case moved the Supreme Court on Monday against a Delhi High Court order allowing the accused to re-examine 13 prosecution witnesses.

Her plea was immediately accepted by a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India H.L. Dattu and listed for hearing on March 10.

In a petition filed through her counsel, Colin Gonsalves, she alleged that the accused was employing delay tactics even as it is the victim alone who suffers from such delays.

The victim was allegedly assaulted and raped by Shiv Kumar Yadav, a driver with Uber taxi services, while on her way home on December 5 night last year.

Her petition termed the March 4 order allowing recall

of 13 witnesses as "cryptic". It said the court made an "abrupt jump" from total rejection of Yadav's claim without offering any explanation.

The high court had first rejected Yadav's claim that his earlier counsel "was not competent to appear as an advocate" as he was not issued a certificate to practise law. But it later conceded his demand.

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