

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-16312 of 2014

Date of decision: 27.01.2015

Manjeet Singh @ Manpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Kuldip Singh**

Present: Mr.Harsh Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner  
Mr.Nikhil K. Chopra, DAG Punjab  
Mr.G.N. Malik, Advocate for the complainant

1. *Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?*
2. *To be referred to the Reporters or not ?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

**Kuldip Singh, J. (Oral)**

Petitioner has filed this petition for quashing order dated 3.3.2014 (Annexure P4), passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Malerkotla, vide which, he was declared proclaimed offender.

It comes out that the petitioner had filed another petition bearing CRM-M 13324 of 2014, seeking anticipatory bail, in which a coordinate Bench, vide order dated 14.7.2014, directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation. In the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be admitted to interim bail by the arresting officer. In pursuance to the said direction, the petitioner had already appeared before the Investigating Officer and is now on interim bail.

It being so, since the petitioner has appeared before the police and has joined investigation, he cannot be treated as proclaimed offender anymore. Therefore, impugned order dated 3.3.2014 (Annexure P4), declaring him proclaimed offender stands set aside.

The petition is accordingly allowed.

**27.01.2015**

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**(Kuldip Singh)**  
**Judge**