

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CRM-M-17950-2016 (O&M).
Decided on: May 23, 2016.**

Paramjit Kumar

.. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.. Respondent(s)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.S.BEDI

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**PRESENT Mr.Veneet Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

M.M.S. BEDI, J. (ORAL)

After hearing the counsel for the petitioner and going through the record, it transpires that the petitioner remained absent after 3.9.2014 as a result of which he was declared a proclaimed offender on 4.5.2016 and his application for pre-arrest bail has also been dismissed, inter alia, on the ground that he had been declared a proclaimed offender.

Taking into consideration the prolonged evasion on the part of the petitioner to surrender before the Illaqua Magistrate, I do not find any reasonable ground to believe that there was any sufficient reason for evasion from appearance.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was involved in another criminal case, as such, he was unable to appear on different dates of hearing after 3.9.2014.

After a gap of two years, the petitioner has sought concession of pre-arrest bail.

No extra ordinary exceptional circumstances exist to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in view of his conduct but since the petitioner has expressed desire to appear before the trial Court and face trial, it is directed that the petitioner will put in appearance before the Illaqua Magistrate within a period of 20 days from today. In case of petitioner doing so and in the event of his filing an application for bail, the said application will be decided within a period of three days. In case the Court is satisfied that there had been any apparent statutory lapses in declaring the petitioner a proclaimed offender or that there was sufficient reason for the petitioner for not appearing before the Court, it will be open to the Court to grant the concession of regular bail.

Disposed of with above observation.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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