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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-23411 of 2017

Date of decision: July 27, 2017

Satbir Sing Bajwa

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Manrai, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Sumit Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG Punjab.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J (Oral)

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

In FIR No.7 dated 26.03.2011, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 13(1)(D), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Jalandhar, the petitioner has put to challenge order Annexure P-12, by which he was declared proclaimed offender. Undoubtedly, the petitioner has approached this Court after number of years for seeking the relief. But, then looking to the fact that the FIR relates to the year 2011 and the trial would be held, there is no point in putting the petitioner behind bars at such a late stage, particularly because the petitioner wants to face the trial.

Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner, on instructions from the petitioner states that the petitioner would like to face the trial

in the present FIR.

Accordingly, for the above reasons, impugned order dated 23.08.2012 (Annexure P-12) is quashed since the petitioner wants to appear and face the trial. The petitioner shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court, subject to non-refundable deposit of costs of ₹10,000/- with the trial Court, payable to the State of Punjab.

Petition stands disposed of, accordingly.

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

July 27, 2017

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No