

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

**CRM-M No.31658 of 2015
Date of Decision: 15.03.2017**

Avtar Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Onkar Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab
for respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

DEEPAK SIBAL J. (ORAL)

Through the present petition, order declaring the petitioner to be a proclaimed offender is under challenge.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* submits that before declaring the petitioner a proclaimed offender, who is resident of United Kingdom, the procedure as prescribed under Section 82 Cr.P.C. was not followed and that irrespective of the above, one chance be given to the petitioner to show his *bona fide* to surrender before the trial Court on 07.04.2017.

Without commenting on the merits of the matter, one chance is given to the petitioner to show his *bona fide* by surrendering himself before the trial Court on April 07, 2017. If as undertaken, the petitioner surrenders on 07.04.2017, he shall be admitted to ad-interim bail by the trial Court to its satisfaction.

At the time of accepting surety/bail bonds of the petitioner, the trial Court would keep in mind that the petitioner had been absconding and thus would insist on heavy surety to its satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to join investigation as and when so required by the police.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

March 15, 2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No