

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

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**CRM-M-15544-2017**

**Date of decision: 24.01.2018**

Shashi Bala

**...PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

State of Punjab and another

**....RESPONDENTS**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI**

Present: Ms. Jyoti Sareen, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab,  
for the State.

Mr. Nimanyu Gautam, Advocate,  
for respondent No. 2.

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**AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioner has approached this Court for quashing of the order dated 13.02.2012 (Annexure P-5) passed by the Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Jalandhar, declaring the petitioner a proclaimed offender.

It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner, because of differences with her husband Kamaljit Shoor, has been residing separately in her paternal home since February, 2011. Notices and the process primarily to serve her was aimed at the matrimonial address, which was available with the police authorities, because of which, the petitioner never came to know about the registration of the FIR and further proceedings before the Court. Counsel contends that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the proceedings before the Court below. She states that

the petitioner would surrender to the jurisdiction of the Court on 20.02.2018 and move an appropriate application for her release on bail.

In case the petitioner approaches the trial Court by filing an appropriate application for grant of bail and for recall of the order declaring her a proclaimed offender, the same shall be entertained and her bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Court shall be accepted.

The present petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**January 24, 2018**

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)  
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No**

**Whether Reportable: Yes/No**