

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-23035-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 20.5.2019

Prabhjot Singh @ Monu ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of FIR No. 27, dated 10.2.2008, registered at Police Station Chehratta, Amritsar, under Sections 120-B, 364-A and 383 IPC.

The petitioner has been declared a 'Proclaimed Offender' in the present case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since co-accused has already been acquitted, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by further prolonging the agony of the petitioner and that in any case he is willing to appear before the trial Court.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and bearing in mind that the petitioner has been declared as a 'Proclaimed Offender' and keeping in view the ratio of judgment of Hon'ble the Supreme Court in 2014(2) SCC 171 State of Madhya Pradesh Vs. Pradeep Sharma, wherein Hon'ble Supreme Court set aside the order of High Court granting bail to 'Proclaimed Offender', this Court does not find any ground to grant anticipatory bail. The petition, as such, is dismissed.

However, in case the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within two weeks from today and applies for grant of regular bail, the learned trial Court shall endeavour to dispose of the same expeditiously, but in any case not later than three days from filing of such application.

May 20, 2019

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No