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

**CRM-M-45698-2019
Date of decision-24.10.2019**

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. K.S.Derabassi, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Ranjit Singh has filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing of the order dated 02.01.2018 (Annexure P-2) whereby he was declared proclaimed offender in complaint case No. NACT-23-2016 dated 19.01.2016 registered under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 at Police Station Zirakpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the Police Officials had visited the house of the petitioner, who was not present in his house at that time and it was informed by the Police Officials to the other family members that the petitioner is not appearing in the Court in a complaint case registered under Section 138 Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. It is contended that the petitioner was never served, therefore, the impugned order is not sustainable and deserves to be set aside.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court does not find any merit in the petition particularly when it is not disputed by

learned counsel that the address of the petitioner in the complaint case is the same which is contained in the present petition. It is the case of the petitioner itself that the Police Officials had visited the house of the petitioner, who was not found at home. Therefore, it can be safely inferred that the petitioner despite knowledge of the complaint case, did not appear before the Court.

In view of the above, petition is dismissed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No