

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

CRM-M-3422 of 2021.

Decided on:- January 25, 2021.

Sukha Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present:- Mr. Dilpreet Singh Gandhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.PC for quashing of the order dated 17.12.2020 passed by learned Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala (Annexure P-4) in FIR No.199 dated 14.07.2020 under Sections 363, 366-A, 368 and 376 IPC as well as Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala, whereby the petitioner was declared as a proclaimed person.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that co-accused Kuldeep Singh has solemnised marriage with Manjit Kaur on 09.07.2020 and sought protection of their life and liberty from this Court. The allegation

against the petitioner was that he allegedly helped the couple in facilitating their marriage. Since the petitioner has no such information about the pendency of the present FIR, he could not appear before the trial Court. In this manner, the proceedings under Section 82 Cr.PC declaring him as a proclaimed person were initiated.

He further submits that irrespective of the fact that the matter has otherwise been compromised between the parties, the petitioner is ready to appear before the trial Court and to face the trial in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

On asking of this Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Noticing the fact that the petitioner has shown his inclination to face the trial and the matter has reportedly been compromised between the parties, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within fifteen days from today, he shall be admitted on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

January 25, 2021
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No