

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

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CRM-M-31758-2021

Date of Decision: 10.08.2021

Jagtar Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. B.S.Sidhu, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Chandan Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking quashing of FIR No.7 dated 25.02.1996 registered at Police Station Badni Kalan, District Moga, under Sections 192/196/197/198/467/468/471/120-B IPC (Annexure P-1) and also order dated 18.07.2000 (Annexure P-5) vide which he has been declared a proclaimed offender.
2. As far as order dated 18.07.2000 (Annexure P-5) declaring the petitioner a proclaimed offender is concerned, this Court finds that the petitioner cannot feign ignorance about the proceedings arising out of FIR in question inasmuch as he himself had applied for anticipatory bail, which he was granted vide order dated 12.05.1997 (Annexure P-2). Despite having been granted anticipatory bail, wherein a specific condition was imposed that he shall not leave the country without the prior permission of the trial Court and shall join the investigation as and when directed, the

conduct of the petitioner in absconding and ultimately having been declared a proclaimed offender would disentitle him for grant of any such relief.

3. Further, this Court finds that although the instant petition is stated to be the 1st petition filed in this Court or before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, but the Registry has informed that on earlier occasions, two petitions i.e. CRM-M No.18990-2013 and CRM-M-43536-2013 had been filed on behalf of the petitioner.
4. In these circumstances, the petitioner certainly does not deserve any indulgence from this Court. Although learned Senior counsel representing the petitioner made a request for permitting him to withdraw the instant petition with liberty to file afresh on the ground that the mistake mainly occurred on account of the Clerk in his office, who did not do the needful for verifying as to whether any petition has been filed earlier, but this Court is not inclined to accept the aforesaid request.
5. Finding no merit in the petition particularly on account of the conduct of the petitioner, the same is hereby dismissed.

10.08.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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