

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

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CRM-M-5235-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 04.05.2022

INDERJIT SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for seeking quashing of FIR No. 100 dated 17.06.2000 registered under Sections 186, 353, 332, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Sadar, Phagwara, District Kapurthala and subsequent proceedings arising therefrom including the order dated 02.12.2003 (Annexure P-3) passed by Judicial Magistrate First Class, Phagwara in which the petitioner has been declared as a Proclaimed Offender.

A perusal of the proceedings shows that the FIR in question was registered in the year 2000 and that the petitioner chose to move out of the country after the registration of the FIR. He was eventually declared as Proclaimed Offender in the year 2003. Earlier a petition for seeking quashing and raising challenge to the order whereby the petitioner was declared as a proclaimed offender was filed by means of CRM-M-5687 of 2011 (O&M) which was subsequently withdrawn on 07.11.2011 with liberty to file a fresh petition.

The present petition has now been filed after lapse of nearly 11 years. No valid explanation has been furnished justifying such prolonged absence and it seems that the petitioner chose to voluntarily remain a fugitive from the process of law. Even though he consequently became aware of the order declaring as a proclaimed offender in the year 2011 and had sought permission to file a fresh petition raising a challenge to the said order, it took him nearly 11 years to approach this Court again which further strengthens that the petitioner has scant regard to the process of law.

Faced with above, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw the instant petition.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MAY 04, 2022

Vishal sharma

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