

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

**CRM-M No.7098 of 2022
Date of Decision: 21.02.2022**

Tarlochan Singh

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent.

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA*

Present:- Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

The petitioner herein seeks the relief of anticipatory bail in the criminal case arising out of the FIR bearing No.0063 dated 20.05.2021 registered at Police Station Navi Baradari, District Jalandhar, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC.

Ms. Ishneet Kaur, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, has joined the proceedings, through *virtual mode*, in this case in pursuance of the copy of the instant petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance and she apprises the Court that vide the order dated 17.02.2022 as passed by learned trial Court, the present petitioner has been declared a proclaimed offender.

At this stage, Mr. R.S. Bajaj, Advocate, has also appeared in

this case on behalf of the complainant and has submitted his Memo of Appearance and the same has been placed on the file. He also confirms the factum of the petitioner having been declared a proclaimed offender in this case.

It has been held by the Apex Court in ***State of Madhya Pradesh Versus Pradeep Sharma 2014(1) RCR (Criminal) 269*** that “*if the accused is absconding and is declared proclaimed offender, he should not be granted the anticipatory bail.*” The present case squarely falls within the four corners of the afore-cited observations and in the light thereof, it is explicit that the petitioner does not deserve the relief, as prayed for, in this petition.

As a sequel to the fore-going discussion, it follows that the present petition deserves dismissal. Resultantly, the same stands dismissed accordingly.

February 21, 2022

Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*