

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

CRM-M-8107-2022

Date of decision-24.02.2022

Harmeet Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Ferry Sofat, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C for quashing of the order dated 30.09.2019 (Annexure P-6) declaring him proclaimed offender in case FIR No.98 dated 24.04.2018 under Section 98 Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) and Sections 379, 467, 488 and 471 Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel has argued that vide order dated 24.10.2019 (Annexure P-2), interim concession of pre arrest bail was extended to the petitioner, but subsequently his petition was dismissed as the petitioner stood declared proclaimed offender. He submits that the order dated 30.09.2019 was not in the knowledge of the petitioner, therefore, it was not mentioned by him in his petition seeking anticipatory bail. He further submits that the said order has not been

passed in accordance with law, therefore, the same deserve to be quashed.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that the order declaring the petitioner as proclaimed person was passed on 30.07.2019 and the petitioner has challenged it after a long delay. It needs to be noticed that in the petition for anticipatory bail, this fact was not narrated by him and the State had taken the specific objection that the petitioner stands declared proclaimed offender. The ground raised by the petitioner that he was not served with the proclamation notice and was not aware of the same is not supported with any convincing material, therefore, this Court is not inclined to exercise the inherent powers under Section 482 Cr.P.C.

Dismissed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

24.02.2022

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