

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

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CRM-M-7059-2020

Date of Decision: 25.05.2022

Rajwant Singh @ Laddi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate and
Ms. Arti Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking quashing of order dated 28.04.2014 (P-4) passed by the Judge Special Court, SBS Nagar whereby the petitioner has been declared proclaimed offender

The petitioner is accused in case FIR No. 97 dated 29.11.2011, under Section 21 of NDPS Act registered at Police Station Behram, SBS Nagar. He was released on bail vide order dated 28.01.2012 passed by learned Judge Special Court, SBS Nagar. The petitioner, thereafter, regularly appeared before the trial Court till 12.09.2013. Inadvertently the petitioner was wrongly informed by his counsel of the next date of hearing which was fixed after five months i.e. 05.02.2014. Resultantly, the petitioner absented himself on the said date as well as on further dates. The petitioner was declared proclaimed offender vide order dated 28.04.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that it was never the intention of the petitioner to evade the process of law. He states

that the petitioner is ready to surrender before learned trial Court and face trial.

Notice of motion.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent/State.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into account the facts of the present case, this petition is disposed of with the observation that the petitioner may appear before the learned trial Court on or before 20.07.2022. On his doing so, he shall be released on interim bail by the trial Court subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to its satisfaction. He shall also file an undertaking to continue appearing before the Court as and when required apart from following all the terms and conditions fixed in this respect.

This shall, however, subject to deposit of an amount of Rs.100,000/- (One lac only) by the petitioner with the Director PGIMER, Chandigarh Poor Patient's Welfare Fund.

[HARINDER SINGH SIDHU]
JUDGE

May 25, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable?

Yes/no
Yes/no