

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

**CRM-M-55986-2022
DECIDED ON: 5th DECEMBER, 2022**

AMANJEET SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Mr. Sushil Bhardwaj, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for setting aside the order dated 25.03.2022 (Annexure P-5) passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Karnal whereby, the petitioner was declared a proclaimed offender in CRA-776-2019 titled as Amanjeet Singh Vs. Indusind Bank Ltd..

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends due to COVID-19 situation, the petitioner could not appear before the lower Appellate Court and the said absence is neither intentional nor deliberate. Moreover, the petitioner has been thoroughly represented in the trial till the passing of the judgment without any default. He further submits that petitioner is ready and willing to deposit 20% of the compensation amount, as ordered by the lower Appellate Court.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana

accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and submits that the petitioner is absenting since 06.03.2020 and finally declared proclaimed offender on 25.03.2022, which is under challenge before this Court.

Be that as it may, to meet the ends of justice and in the light of the fact that no prejudice would be caused to either of the parties involved in the present dispute, it would be appetite to grant one opportunity to the petitioner to appear before the lower Appellate Court.

In view of above, the petitioner is directed to surrender before the trial Court within 15 days from today and apply for regular bail.

In case, such an application for bail is moved by the petitioner before the trial Court, the same shall be considered and decided on the same date in accordance with law.

The present petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

5th DECEMBER, 2022

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>