

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

CRM-M No.11385 of 2023

Date of decision: 10th March, 2023

Satender Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Abhimanyu Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 03.02.2018 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Court of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Loharu vide which he was declared a proclaimed offender in a criminal complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not effectively served by the trial Court and he was totally unaware of the impugned orders whereby he had been declared a proclaimed offender. He further submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and surrender before the trial Court, and therefore, he be protected till then.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant material on record.

In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the trial Court on or before 15.03.2023 and move appropriate application for grant of bail. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner. The trial Court, on such application being moved, shall decide it expeditiously, preferably within 2 days, in accordance with the provisions of law. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to surrender before the Court below within the above stipulated time period, this order shall be of no avail to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 10, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No