

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.15501 of 2023
Date of decision: 27th March, 2023

Navneet Aggarwal
... Petitioner

Versus

Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise, Ludhiana
... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Aman Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The Petitioner is seeking quashing of the order dated 15.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) passed by the trial Court vide which his bail was cancelled, order dated 09.03.2023 (Annexure P-9) vide which he was declared a proclaimed person along with all consequential proceedings in case COMA/102/2014 dated 06.01.2014 titled 'Assistant Commissioner vs. Navneet Aggarwal & another' (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vide order dated 06.01.2014 the trial Court summoned the petitioner in a complaint case. He further submits that the petitioner was granted bail vide order dated 26.11.2019 and thereafter, he moved an application on 05.11.2022 seeking exemption from personal appearance, which was allowed by the trial Court. However, vide order dated 15.11.2022

(Annexure P-5) his bail was cancelled and the bail/surety bonds were forfeited to the State.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner 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 30.03.2023 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, 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 27, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No