

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

CRM-M No.28986 of 2023

Date of decision: 5th July, 2023

Pawan Kumar Verma & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Chetan Mittal, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Varun Ishar, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking quashing of order dated 12.01.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by the trial Court vide which they were declared proclaimed persons in case CIS No.CHI/265/2018 titled as 'State of Punjab vs. Dalip Kumar etc.'.

2. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners submits that multiple FIRs have been registered against the petitioners at various places. It has been further submitted that they were arrested from Lucknow on 04.12.2016 and thereafter, were confined to various jails of Jaipur, Alwar, Rohtak and Kurukshetra from 16.12.2016 to 22.10.2020. He submits that it was thus, for a genuine reason that the petitioners were unable to put in an appearance before the Court. At the outset, learned senior counsel for the petitioners submits that they are ready to appear and surrender before the trial Court, and therefore, they be protected till then.

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

4. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned senior counsel for the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioners to appear and surrender before the trial Court on or before 31.07.2023 and move appropriate application for grant of bail. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners. 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 petitioners fail to surrender before the Court below within the above stipulated time period, this order shall be of no avail to them.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 5, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No