

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-36716-2023

Date of decision: 31.07.2023

Puneet Dhawan

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Rangat Joshi, Advocate for
Mr. Gurjeet Singh Kaura, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 22.11.2022 (Annexure P-4) passed by learned Special Court, Amritsar whereby he was declared a proclaimed offender in case FIR No.116 dated 15.03.2020 under Sections 22/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Islamabad, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar along with all consequential proceedings.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the impugned order had been passed without proper compliance of Section 82 of the Cr.P.C. Learned counsel submits that it was a matter of record that proclamation was issued before the expiry of mandated 30 days period. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is willing and ready to appear, and surrender before the Trial Court. Hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, the petitioner be protected till his appearance before the Trial Court and with directions to the Trial

Court that his bail application, which he would be filing on his surrender, be decided expeditiously.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with directions to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the Trial Court within 02 weeks from today. Till then, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner.

6. It is made clear that in case, the petitioner fails to surrender before the Trial Court within 02 weeks from today, this order shall be of no avail to him. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioner moves an application for bail before the Trial Court, the same shall be decided expeditiously preferably within one week, by the Trial Court in accordance with law.

31.07.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No