

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

CRM-M No.40900 of 2023

Date of decision: 4th September, 2023

Harmanjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Atul Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 22.09.2022 (Annexure P-8) passed by the trial Court vide which his bail was cancelled and the bail/surety bonds were forfeited to the State, as well as order dated 24.11.2022 (Annexure P-12) vide which he was declared a proclaimed offender in case bearing FIR No.28 dated 08.04.2016 under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that during investigation, the petitioner had been declared innocent and was placed in column No.2, however, subsequently, vide order dated 23.10.2018 he was summoned to face trial as an additional accused. He further submits that the petitioner had been granted bail by the trial Court vide order dated 18.08.2022 and it was only on 22.09.2022 that he was unable to put in an appearance as he was at Canada due to the medical treatment of his

daughter, who was in the family way at that point of time. He submits that it was thus, for a genuine reason that the petitioner was unable to put in an appearance before the Court. 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.

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

4. 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 within seven days from today 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, thereafter.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

September 4, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No