

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

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2023:PHHC:122573

CRM-M-47258-2023

Date of decision: September 19th, 2023

Gursharan Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Gurbir Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 21.02.2023 (Annexure P-5) passed by learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Samana, whereby the petitioner had been declared as proclaimed offender in case No.NACT-34-2020 dated 17.01.2020 under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, and all the subsequent proceedings arising out therefrom.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to appear and surrender before the trial Court. Hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, 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. Mohit Kapoor, Additional Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of

respondent No.1-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 seven days 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 seven days from today, this order shall be of no avail to him thereafter. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioner moves an application for bail before the trial Court, the same shall be decided expeditiously by the trial Court in accordance with law.

September 19th, 2023
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No