

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

CRM-M No.58751 of 2023

Date of order: 22nd November, 2023

Harpreet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Arshdeep S. Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 16.07.2022 (Annexure P-9) passed by the trial Court vide which he was declared a proclaimed offender in case bearing FIR No.141 dated 23.07.2021 under Sections 302, 148, 149 IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Dharamkot, District Moga.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR in question and was named as an accused only on the basis of supplementary statement made by the complainant after one month of the occurrence in question. He further submits that the petitioner has been declared as a proclaimed offender without affecting proper service.

3. At the outset, learned counsel submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and surrender before the trial Court, and therefore, he be protected till then.

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

5. 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

November 22, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No