

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

CRM-M No.2170 of 2024

Date of decision: 18th January, 2024

Keshav @ Keshav Arora

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Narinder Sharma, Advocate the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 06.12.2023 (Annexure P-6) passed by the trial Court vide which he was declared a proclaimed person in case bearing FIR No.179 dated 29.04.2021 under Section 188 IPC registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Patiala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner could not put in appearance before the trial Court as he was in custody from 08.09.2023 to 07.12.2023 in some other criminal case when the impugned order dated 06.12.2023 was passed. 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

January 18, 2024

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