

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.11269 of 2024
Date of decision: 4th March, 2024

Mandeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Kulbir S. Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner in the instant petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is praying for quashing of the order dated 12.03.2020 (Annexure P-6) passed by the learned trial Court vide which he was declared a proclaimed offender in case FIR No.233 dated 25.12.2017 under Section 411 of the IPC registered at Police Station City Samana, District Patiala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had been regularly appearing before the Court concerned and it was only on 22.11.2019 that he could not put in an appearance on account of some personal reasons. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and join proceedings before the learned trial Court. Hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, the petitioner be protected till his appearance before the Court concerned and the Court be directed that his application, which he would be filing on his surrender, be decided expeditiously.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

6. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the learned trial Court within seven days from today. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner, subject to payment of costs in the sum of ₹10,000/- which shall be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority, Patiala.

7. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to surrender before the Court concerned within the above stipulated time period, 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 Court, the same shall be decided by the Court concerned expeditiously, in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 4, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No