

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.17857 of 2024

Date of decision: 15th April, 2024

Mandeep Singh @ Rinku

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sumeet Puri, 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 30.10.2012 (Annexure P-3) passed by the learned trial Court vide which he was declared a proclaimed offender in case FIR No.98 dated 23.11.2011 under Sections 302, 120-B, 34 of the IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station City Rampura, District Bathinda.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had no knowledge of the proceedings pending against him; he was not named in the FIR in question, neither was he at any point of time asked to appear for investigation of the FIR in question. Learned counsel further submits that in the year 2011 the petitioner went to Assam and settled there for business purposes. Learned counsel still further submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and join proceedings before the learned trial Court; hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, he 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 ₹ 25,000/- which shall be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority, Bathinda.

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, the learned trial Court shall make earnest efforts to decide the same expeditiously in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 15, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No