



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-22968-2024

Date of decision: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Raj Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 15.02.2022 (Annexure P-2) passed by learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib, whereby he had been declared as proclaimed person in a complaint case bearing No.NACT/191/2019 under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

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 directions be given 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. Navdeep Singh, Deputy 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. This shall, however, be subject to deposit of costs of ₹10,000/- with the District Legal Services Authority, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No