



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-38812-2024

Date of decision: 13.08.2024

Lovepreet Singh alias Love alias Lovely

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 10.07.2024 (Annexure P-5) passed by learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Tarn Taran whereby proclamation proceedings against the petitioner have been initiated, in case FIR No.11 dated 28.02.2019 under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset submits that the petitioner is willing and ready to appear, and surrender before the Trial Court. Hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, the 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, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel

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for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with directions to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the Trial Court on or before 20.08.2024. Till then, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner. However, this shall be subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority concerned, which shall be a condition precedent. The petitioner is also directed to plant 02 indigenous fruit bearing trees and 02 shady trees each within the judicial complex in Tarn Taran, with the specific area to be identified by the District Legal Services Authority concerned on or before 20.08.2024; the DLSA would also ensure the proper maintenance and upkeep of the trees so planted.

6. It is made clear that in case, the petitioner fails to surrender before the Trial Court on or before 20.08.2024 and to comply with the above said directions, 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.

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

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