



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

CRM-M No.44955 of 2024
Date of decision: 11th September, 2024

Ravinder Singh & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners in the instant petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. are praying for quashing of the order dated 15.11.2023 (Annexure P-10) passed by the learned trial Court vide which they were declared proclaimed persons in case FIR No.0243 dated 01.11.2017 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Division No.4, Police Commissionerate Ludhiana owing to their non-appearance in the Court.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties have amicably resolved their dispute and for the said reason, they could not put in appearance before the Court concerned on a few dates as talks of a settlement were underway, in the meanwhile the impugned order was passed by the learned trial Court. He submits that it was thus, for a genuine reason that the petitioners were unable to put in an appearance before the Court. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners are ready to appear and join proceedings before the learned trial Court. Hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, the petitioners be protected till their appearance before the Court concerned and the Court



be directed that their application under Section 439 Cr.P.C./483 BNSS, which they would be filing on their surrender, be decided expeditiously.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Navdeep Singh, 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 petitioners, the petition is disposed of with directions to the petitioners to appear and surrender before the learned trial Court within two weeks from today. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners, subject to payment of costs in the sum of ₹ 30,000/- which shall be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority, Ludhiana.

7. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioners fail to surrender before the Court concerned within the above stipulated time period, this order shall be of no avail to them, thereafter. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioners move 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

September 11, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No