

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

CRM-M No.54764 of 2023
Date of decision: 31st January, 2024

Sawraj Singh Sidhu @ Shivraj Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Mandeep Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 03.01.2020 (Annexure P-2) passed by the trial Court vide which he was declared a proclaimed offender in case bearing FIR No.2 dated 05.01.2018 under Sections 420, 406, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Badni Kalan, District Moga.

2. Learned counsel submits that in the interregnum, the parties have amicably settled their disputes and have ironed out their differences. He submits that since the petitioner is based in Canada, he was unable to come for getting his statement recorded before the trial Court with respect to the compromise so arrived at between him and the complainant. A prayer has been made for setting aside the impugned order in view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances. Learned counsel has further submitted that he has a genuine apprehension that

when he lands in India on 04.02.2024 from Vancouver (Canada), he could be detained and arrested by the authorities concerned on account of he being a proclaimed offender. A prayer has, therefore, been made to grant him interim protection so that once he arrives in India, he would appear before the trial Court. In support, learned counsel has placed on record a copy of the air ticket of the petitioner for his journey from Vancouver to Delhi.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant material on record.

4. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the trial Court by 09.02.2024 and move appropriate application for grant of bail. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner. The trial Court, on such application being moved, shall decide it expeditiously in accordance with the provisions of law. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to surrender before the Court below within the above stipulated time period, this order shall be of no avail to him, thereafter.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 31, 2024
rps

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