



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

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CRM-M-5197-2025

Date of decision: January 30th, 2025

Kewal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Munish Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking quashing of order dated 17.01.2025 (Annexure P-7) passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, whereby the petitioner had been declared as proclaimed person in FIR No.112 dated 21.05.2022 under Section 379 of the IPC and Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals Act, registered at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

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. H.S. Deol, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.

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 payment of costs in the sum of ₹10,000/- to be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority, Ludhiana.

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.

January 30th, 2025
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No