

2025.PHHC.042951



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

CRM-M-16920-2025

Date of decision: 28.03.2025

Jyoti Malhotra

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Mukul Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner, under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, is seeking quashing of order dated 29.11.2024 (Annexure P-1) passed by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Ludhiana, vide which, the petitioner has been declared as proclaimed person in complaint case No.CHI/2100/2020
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, however, she be protected till her appearance before the Trial Court and directions be given to the Trial Court that his bail application, which she would be filing on her surrender, be decided expeditiously.
3. Notice of motion.
4. On asking of the Court, Mr. H.S. Deol, Senior DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The petitioner is directed to appear and surrender before the trial Court within 07 days from today. Till then, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner. This is contingent upon the petitioner paying a cost of Rs.25,000/- to be deposited with the Punjab and Hayana High Court Lawyers' Welfare Fund.

6. It is made clear that in case, the petitioner fails to surrender before the Trial Court within 07 days from today, this order shall be of no avail to her thereafter. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioner moves application for bail, the Trial Court shall make earnest efforts to decide the same expeditiously, in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 28, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No