



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

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CRM-M-20500-2025 (O&M)**Date of decision: April 22, 2025**

RAJEEV DATTA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Preety, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for quashing of impugned order dated 27.02.2025 (Annexure P-3), passed by learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Karnal, vide which the petitioner was declared 'Proclaimed Offender' in case FIR No.97 dated 16.03.2023 under Sections 406, 420, 506, 384, 370 IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Tarori, District Karnal.
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 learned trial Court and directions be given to the learned 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. Rahul Mohan, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State.



5. At this stage, Ms. Shivani Jaglan, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.2 and filed her Power of Attorney in the Court today, which is taken on record.

6. 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 Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the concerned District Legal Services Authority.

7. 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.

April 22, 2025

Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*