

2025:PHHC:060425



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

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(1) CRM-M-24287-2025
M/S DURGA RICE MILLS ...Petitioner

Versus

PARDEEP SETHI ...Respondent

(2) CRM-M-24327-2025
ROBIN BATRA ...Petitioner

Versus

PARDEEP SETHI ...Respondent

Date of decision: May 07, 2025

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Varsha Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petitions have been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for quashing/setting aside the impugned order dated 24.02.2025 (Annexure P-12) passed by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Fazilka in complaint under Section 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 bearing No.NACT-422/2022 dated 02.08.2022 titled as '*Pardeep Sethi V/s M/s Durga Rice Mills*' and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to appear and surrender before the learned 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. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petitions are disposed of with directions to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the learned trial Court within 7 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 concerned, which shall be a condition precedent.

6. It is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to surrender before the trial Court within 7 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 learned trial Court shall make earnest efforts to decide it expeditiously, in accordance with law.

7. Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of the connected case.

May 07, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*