



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

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CRM-M-26205-2025

Date of decision: May 14, 2025

PAWAN KUMAR

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Parvinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 for setting aside the order dated 17.11.2017 (Annexure P-8) passed by learned JMIC, Rupnagar in complaint No.NACT/68/2014 under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881, vide which the petitioner has been declared a 'proclaimed offender'.
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. Notice of motion.



4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, 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 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.

May 14, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*