



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

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CRM-M-37461-2025

Date of decision: 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

Kuldeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

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

Ms. Himani Arora, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

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**MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-**

Prayer in this petition has been made by the petitioner for quashing of the order dated 07.07.2025 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Fatehgarh Sahib, whereby while disposing of his application for anticipatory bail in a complaint case under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, costs of ₹15,000/- were imposed upon him.

2. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that the impugned order is liable to be modified to the extent to which the aforementioned amount was ordered to be deposited by way of cost as the same was on higher side. The petitioner had taken only an amount of ₹70,000 from the complainant and is ready to pay the same with interest. He was not liable to pay this much amount of cost. It is, therefore, argued that the petition deserves to be allowed.

3. On going through the order passed by the learned Sessions



Judge, Fatehgarh Sahib, on 07-07-2025, it is revealed that he had allowed the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of pre-arrest bail, subject to his surrendering within a period of three days and subject to paying costs of Rs. 15,000/- to the complainant. It is obvious that the petitioner has not surrendered before the learned trial court much after expiry of three days of period after passing of the order dated 07-07-2025 i.e. till today. I find no infirmity or illegality in the order dated 07-07-2025 as while passing the same, the learned Sessions Judge had also observed that the petitioner had earlier sought an extension of the period for his surrender, and 15 days' time had already been granted to him. It is apparent that the petitioner is trying to misuse the process of the Court. As such, this court finds no reason to allow the petition.

4. Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer only to the extent that the petitioner might be granted five days time to surrender before the learned trial Court.

5. The petitioner is permitted to surrender within a period of five days from today, subject to his paying cost of ₹15,000/- as directed to be paid by learned Sessions Judge and additional cost of ₹5,000/- i.e. total amount of ₹20,000/-, to the complainant.

6. The petition stands disposed of.

7. A copy of this order be handed over to learned counsel for petitioner through Bench Secretary.

**[MANISHA BATRA]**  
**JUDGE**

**17<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

*Parveen Sharma*

*1. Whether speaking/ reasoned*

: *Yes / No*

*2. Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*