



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

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CRM-M-38370-2025
Date of decision: 22.07.2025

Gurmeet Lal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H. S. GREWAL

Present : Mr. G.S. Minhas, Advocate for the petitioner.

H. S. GREWAL, J.(ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 482 Cr.P.C.) for quashing of order dated 08.01.2024 (Annexure P-4) passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur, whereby, the petitioner has been declared as proclaimed person in a case bearing No. CIS No. NDPS/101/2020 dated 15.03.2019, tiled as "State of Punjab Versus Gurmit Lal @ Meeta and another", under Section 21-22-61-85 of NDPS Act.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner could not appear before the trial Court on account of deteriorating health condition of the petitioner, coupled with the fact that the challan was presented during the period COVID-19, as such he could not appear before the trial Court and thereafter, learned trial Court declared him as a proclaimed person vide order dated 08.01.2024. Hence, the impugned order declaring the petitioner a proclaimed person deserves to be set aside. He further submits that the petitioner is willing to join the proceedings.

3. Notice of motion.



4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the case file.

6. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and limited prayer made by the counsel for the petitioner, this Court does not find any legitimate ground to interfere in the impugned order dated 08.01.2024 (Annexure P-4) passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur. However, in case the petitioner surrender before the trial Court within 07 days from today and move an application for grant of regular bail, the trial Court shall consider and decide the same within a period of three days.

7. Petition stands dismissed.

(H. S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

22.07.2025
Hemant

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No