

**CRM-M-19054-2026****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****132****CRM-M-19054-2026****Date of Decision: 09.04.2026****REETU WATTS****.....PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****...RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL****Present: Mr. Varlin Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.************H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

1. This petition has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS (old under Section 482 Cr.P.C) for quashing of order dated 07.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) passed by Id. JMIC, Dera Bassi whereby the petitioner was declared as proclaimed person.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner could not appear before the Courts below as she never received any notice/summons/warrants from the Id. trial Court. Thereafter, Id. trial Court initiated the proceedings under Section 82 Cr.P.C against the petitioner and she was declared as proclaimed person. He further prays that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the proceedings before the Court and the impugned order declaring the petitioner proclaimed person be set aside.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S.Pandher, Asst. A.G.Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.



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

6. In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioner, this Court does not find any legitimate ground to interfere in the impugned order dated 07.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) passed by Id. JMIC, Dera Bassi. However, in case the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within a period of 07 days from today at 10:00 A.M and moves an application for grant of regular bail, the trial Court is directed to consider and decide the same on the same very day.

7. With these observations, the present petition stands disposed of.

09.04.2026.
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No