

**CRM-M No.19483 of 2026****-1-****147****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M No.19483 of 2026****Date of Decision: 09.04.2026****Manpreet Singh @ Manna****..... Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab and another****.....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present: Mr. Shivam Vashisht, Advocate
Mr. Kartik Kaushal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for quashing of impugned order dated 30.03.2026 passed by learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Nakodar whereby the petitioner was declared as proclaimed person in CHI-19-2026 in FIR No.0150 dated 04.09.2025, under Sections 309(4) of BNS, 2023 (Section 392 of IPC, 1860), 3(5) of BNS, 2023 (Section 34 of IPC, 1860) and added later on Section 317(2) of BNS, 2023 (Section 411 of IPC, 1860), registered at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar (Rural) along with consequential proceedings arising therefrom.

2. It has been contended by counsel for the petitioner that the present FIR is an afterthought to falsely implicate the present petitioner as there is an inordinate delay of 41 days in lodging the FIR. He has submitted that it is evident from the order dated 26.02.2026, that the



investigating agency has made a request to issue non-bailable warrants against the petitioner at the time of presentation of the main challan. He has submitted that vide order dated 30.03.2026, the petitioner was declared as proclaimed person without following the procedure as envisaged under Section 84 of BNSS, 2023 (Section 82 of Cr.P.C). He has submitted that non-appearance of the petitioner before the Court below on 26.02.2026 and 30.03.2026 was unintentional as he was not aware about the proceedings before the Court below. He thus, has submitted that now petitioner is ready and willing to join the proceedings and abide by the terms and conditions of bail.

3. Notice of motion to official respondent only.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

5. Learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and has stated that the trial Court has rightly declared the petitioner as proclaimed person who remained absent on 26.02.2026 and 30.03.2026 without any valid reason.

6. After hearing counsel for the petitioner and perusing the record, it is apparent that the petitioner remained absent from 26.02.2026 and 30.03.2026 and he was declared as Proclaimed Person. The reason for non-appearance of the petitioner as given in the petition that he was not aware of the proceedings before the Court below. Now the petitioner is keen to join the proceedings. So keeping in view the abovesaid facts, the present petition is disposed of and the order dated 30.03.2026 declaring



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the petitioner as proclaimed person is *set aside* subject to payment of Rs.25,000/- as costs to be paid to **Day Care Centre for Elderly Disabled Home for Old & Destitute People, Sector 15, Chandigarh** within a period of 07 days from today. In case the petitioner appears before the trial Court and files appropriate application along with receipt of costs before the trial Court within a period of 10 days from today, the trial Court will admit him to bail subject to its satisfaction during the pendency of trial and proceed with the trial as per law. Petitioner will have protection from arrest for a period of 10 days from today.

7. Needless to say that in case the petitioner fails to comply with the abovesaid direction, he will have no benefit of this order and the order under challenge would stand automatically revived and the present petition shall be deemed to have been dismissed.

Disposed of in above terms.

09.04.2026
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No