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

CRM-M-31601-2026

Date of decision : 29.05.2026

Amritpal Singh**.....Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab****.....Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for quashing of order dated 08.10.2025 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Dasuya, Hoshiarpur whereby the petitioner was declared as proclaimed person in case FIR No.18 dated 12.03.2023, under Sections 406, 420 of IPC and Section 24 of Emigration Act, registered at Police Station Gardhiwal, District Hoshiarpur.

2. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner was regularly appearing before the Id. trial Court. He submits that the petitioner for earning his livelihood was working in Chennai and without complying with the provisions as envisaged under Section 82 Cr.P.C. proclamation proceedings were initiated against the petitioner and ultimately, he was declared as a proclaimed person vide impugned order dated 08.10.2025 (Annexure P-4). He further submits that



petitioner was neither served with any ordinary service nor with any substituted service. He submits that he had no knowledge of the ongoing legal proceedings. He submits that the absence of the petitioner was neither intentional nor willful but a result of lack of information. He submits that the petitioner is ready to join the proceedings and abide by the terms and conditions of bail, if any imposed by this Court.

3. Learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and has stated that the trial Court has rightly initiated proclamation proceedings under Section 82 Cr.P.C. and declared him as proclaimed person who remained absent despite order.

4. After hearing counsel for the petitioner and perusing the record, it is apparent that the petitioner remained absent despite orders, as he was not served with any notice, thereafter, proclamation proceedings under Section 82 Cr.P.C. were initiated against him and ultimately, he was declared as proclaimed person. But now the petitioner is keen and ready to join the proceedings and face the trial, so without going into the contentions raised by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court dispose of the present petition and the order dated 08.10.2025 along with all consequential proceedings is *set aside* subject to payment of Rs.25,000/- as costs to be paid to the **‘Spinal Rehab Centre, Chandigarh, Plot No.1, Madhya Marg, Sector-28/A, Chandigarh’** by the petitioner within one week from the receipt of copy of this order. In case, the petitioner appears and surrenders before the Court concerned within a period of 10 days from the date of receipt of copy of this order and files an application for bail alongwith receipt of abovesaid costs, the Court concerned is directed to admit him to bail subject to its satisfaction and proceed with the trial in accordance with law. He will have protection from arrest for a period of

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10 days from the receipt of copy of this order.

5. Needless to say that in case the petitioner fails to comply with the abovesaid direction, he will have no benefit of abovesaid protection granted by this Court and order under challenge dated 08.10.2025 would come in force and the present petition shall be deemed to have been dismissed.

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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