



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-44901-2023

Date of Decision: 22.05.2026

MANOJ KUMAR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Harkaran Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Geeta Rani, AAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. is for quashing of the order dated 20.11.2015 (Annexure P-3) in FIR No.199 dated 20.07.2015 under Sections 21/22 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Line Par, Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, whereby the petitioner was declared as proclaimed offender by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Jhajjar.

On 12.09.2023, the following order was passed:-

“This is a petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of order dated 20.11.2015 (Annexure P-3) whereby the petitioner was declared as proclaimed offender along with co-accused Ajay Kumar in case FIR No.199 dated 20.07.2015, under Sections 21/22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Line Par, Bahadurgarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that the petitioner was never served with the process in the above captioned case FIR and his name figured on the disclosure statement of co-accused Varun @ Deva, who stands acquitted after facing a full trial vide judgment dated 23.04.2018 (Annexure P-4).

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that co-accused Ajay Kumar had approached this Court by way of CRM-M-14381-2016 impugning the same order dated 20.11.2015 (Annexure P-3) and has been granted the concession of interim bail by this Court and subsequently the impugned order dated 20.11.2015 was quashed qua the said co-accused vide order dated 09.04.2019 (Annexure P-6) The petitioner is ready to surrender before the Court and face trial in view of the Division Bench Judgment of this Court in Sudo Mandal @ Diwarak Mandal Vs. State of Punjab 2011 (2) RCR (Criminal) 453.

Notice of motion returnable for 17.10.2023.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the trial Court, in which event he is ordered to be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to its satisfaction and on payment of costs of Rs.30,000/- to be deposited in the government treasury under a head to be nominated by the trial Court. The deposit of costs shall be a pre-condition for the acceptance of the bail/surety bonds.”

In deference to the aforementioned order, the petitioner has surrendered before the Trial Court and has since been released on interim bail vide order dated 13.10.2023 passed by the D/Additional Sessions Judge Jhajjar. A copy of the said order is taken on record and marked as Mark ‘A’.

In view of the above, no further orders are required to be passed by this Court.

Needless to say, it is expected that the petitioner shall not absent himself from the Trial without sufficient cause.

Disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

May 22, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No