



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-58672-2023
Date of decision: 22.01.2026

RAJ KUMAR AND ANOTHERPetitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHERRespondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. Karan Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Zoheb Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Rituraj Singh, DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present petition is to the impugned order dated 27-05-2022 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar whereby the petitioners have been declared as proclaimed persons in case bearing CIS No. CHA-202/2020 arising out of FIR No. 0002 dated 02.01.2020 U/s. 4 and 21 of the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 registered at Police Station Division 6, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that pursuant to the order dated 21.11.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioners have appeared before the trial Court and they have been released on bail.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the aforesaid facts.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the fact that the petitioner-accused have already appeared before the trial Court and have been admitted to bail, the very basis for issuance of the impugned order declaring the petitioners as proclaimed persons no longer survives.

Accordingly, subject to payment of costs of Rs. 5000/- to be paid by each of the petitioner(s) with the ***Red Cross Old Age Home, , A/c No.50100286016319, IFS Code HDFC0004030, HDFC Bank, Sector 15, Panchkula***, the impugned order dated 27.05.2022 passed by Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar is hereby set aside and the interim order dated 21.11.2023 passed by this Court is made absolute. However, if required, the petitioner shall continue to join proceedings as and when required by the trial Court.

JANUARY 22, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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