



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

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CRM-M-16832-2026 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 10.04.2026

PRADIP KUMAR THAPAR**.....PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****.....RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA PARTAP SINGH**

Present: Mr. Onkar Rai, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Eklavya Darshi, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SURYA PARTAP SINGH, J (ORAL)

This is a petition filed by the petitioner under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, seeking for quashing of order dated 12.12.2025 (Annexure P-3), whereby he has been declared a proclaimed offender, by the learned Court of learned Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate Phagwara, hereinafter being referred to as 'trial Court' only.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied, and would not press this petition, if he is permitted to appear before the learned trial Court and a direction is given to the learned trial Court to dispose of the bail application moved by the petitioner within a time-bound manner.

3. **Notice of motion.**



4. Mr. Eklavya Darshi, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab appears on behalf of respondent-State. Hence service of notice upon the State is hereby dispensed with. However, no formal reply has been filed by the State and the learned State counsel has opted to orally oppose the present petition.

5. In view of above, the present petition is hereby ***disposed of*** with a direction to the petitioner to surrender before the learned trial Court within a period of one month from today. If he surrenders before the learned trial Court within a stipulated period and moves an application for bail, the learned trial Court shall dispose of the bail application within three days. It is, however, clarified that the learned trial Court in the exercise of its discretion shall be at liberty to take the petitioner into custody and/or impose penalty under Section 491 of BNSS (erstwhile Section 446 of CrPC), as per law.

10.04.2026

Gaurav Thakur

**(SURYA PARTAP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No