

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

**CRM-M No. 20381 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.06.2016**

Ahmed Shehjad

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Gourave Bhayyia Gilhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of the petitioner-accused-Ahmed Shehjad in case FIR No. 31, dated 24.03.2013, for offences punishable under Sections 279, 304-A of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Doraha, District Khanna.

Learned counsel for the petitioner heard at length.

For the absence of the petitioner during the trial on 23.09.2015, his bail bonds were cancelled and warrants of arrest issued. The reason for non-appearance given is that the petitioner-accused had gone to his native place at Bijnour (U.P.) on account of the death of his father and Uncle (*Mama*) and also the case was shifted from the jurisdiction of the Courts from Ludhiana to Payal. The said reason is unacceptable as on 23.09.2015, no application for exemption from personal appearance on account of the stated reason was ever made. Even for his subsequent absence, on fixed dates, no steps were taken to apprise the Court of such

reasons, and there is no material shown even to support the plea being addressed. The trial is for an FIR lodged wayback in March 2013 which has been delayed due to the absence of the petitioner.

In view of the above, no case for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made out.

Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

June 03, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**