

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-30076 of 2016
DECIDED ON: September 09, 2016

STEPHEN BHATTI @ HENRY STEPHEN

.....PETITIONER..

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT..

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Ranjivan Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J.

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, petitioner has sought pre-arrest bail, feeling apprehension of his arrest, in case FIR No.289, dated 26.08.2006, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, Police Station City Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. Notice of motion.

3. At the instance of this Court, Mr. RPS Sidhu, AAG, Punjab has accepted notice on behalf of respondent-State. Copy of the paper book be supplied to learned State counsel during the course of the day.

4. Undisputably, the petitioner has been regularly appearing before the trial court, however, on 21.04.2015 on account of his illness, he is alleged to have been absented from the Court, that too, without any notice. Subsequent thereto, he was summoned throughailable warrants after cancellation of bail

bonds. Ultimately, he was declared proclaimed offender by the trial court vide order dated 23.02.2016.

5. In view of the facts and circumstances narrated above, present petition is disposed of with the direction to the petitioner to appear/surrender before the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate and move an application for bail, which shall be dealt with and disposed of by the concerned Court within a period of 7 days from the date of its presentation.

September 09, 2016
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether reportable: *Yes/No*