

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.

CRM M-3044 of 2016

Date of Decision: February 4, 2016

Gurpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI.

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Present:- Mr.C.S. Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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M.M.S. BEDI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner had been granted the concession of pre-arrest bail by this Court on August 8, 2011 directing him to appear before the investigating officer on August 17, 2011. The petitioner opted not to participate in the trial as a result of which vide order dated November 20, 2013, he was declared a proclaimed offender. An application for grant of pre-arrest bail filed by him was dismissed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana on October 19, 2015 vide annexure P-4. The trial qua the co-accused of petitioner Charanjit Singh and Beant Singh is stated to be pending for February 10, 2016.

Petitioner, apprehending arrest, seeks concession of pre-arrest bail, seeking to explain his absence by putting-forth an excuse that he was in Calcutta and was not aware of the proceedings.

The plea put-forth by the petitioner is not supported by any document. It is apparent from the record that the petitioner has been taking the criminal proceedings qua him casually, though the allegations of firing are against Charanjit Singh and Beant Singh.

Be that as it may, on account of the casual approach adopted by the petitioner he is not entitled to the concession of pre-arrest bail.

Petition is dismissed. However, it is ordered that in case the petitioner puts in appearance before the trial Court on February 10, 2016 and moves an application for regular bail, his application shall be decided by February 15, 2016. All the reasons for non-appearance may be explained by the petitioner before the trial Court.

February 4, 2016
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(M.M.S.BEDI)
JUDGE