

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

CRM No.M-41351 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision: December 9, 2016

Bhanwar Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Bhanwar Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.22 dated 23.01.2013, registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Bathinda, under Sections 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion was issued in this case.

Learned State counsel has appeared on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

From the record, I find that the petitioner was on regular bail, but he absented from the Court proceedings on 01.11.2016, as his counsel has noted down the wrong date as 10.11.2016. Moreover, in pursuance of order dated 18.11.2016, passed by this Court, the petitioner has already appeared before the learned trial Court and the learned trial Court has

released him on bail. Trial of the case will take long time. No useful purpose would be served by sending the petitioner to custody as the petitioner has only to face the trial.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 18.11.2016, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

December 9, 2016

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(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether Reportable	:	No