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

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Date of Decision: 23.02.2017

Navjot Kumar @ Jyoti

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Ms. Amandeep Soni, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Navjot Kumar @ Jyoti has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.70 dated 14.07.2015, registered at Police Station Lambra, District Jalandhar City, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel put in appearance 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 earlier, the petitioner was granted

interim bail as report of FSL was not received at that time. However, when

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the petitioner was on interim bail, he absented from the court proceedings on 21.11.2016. His bail was cancelled and warrants of arrest were issued against him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner wrongly noted down the date of hearing and therefore, he could not appear in the Court.

Recovery effected from the present petitioner is stated to be non-commercial. The report of FSL has already been received. Trial of the case will take a long time. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody.

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 petitioner is directed to surrender before the trial Court within 10 days from today and on doing so, he shall be released on bail by the trial Court to its satisfaction. If the petitioner fails to appear before the trial Court within the stipulated period, instant petition shall be treated as dismissed.

23.02.2017

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Note:	Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
	Whether reportable	:	No