

CRM-M-24373-2017

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

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Date of Decision:08.08.2017

Karni Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. P.K.S.Phoolka, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Karni Ram has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.166 dated 22.06.2015, registered at Police Station Kotwali Bathinda, District Bathinda, under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel has 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 on regular bail. However, he absented from the court proceedings on 05.05.2017 and his bail was cancelled and his bonds were forfeited to the State.

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In pursuance of the interim order dated 12.07.2017 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already appeared before the trial Court and as stated, has been released on interim bail.

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 that trial of the case will take a long time, therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody. Therefore, finding merit in this petition, the same is allowed. The order dated 12.07.2017, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

08.08.2017

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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