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

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Date of Decision: 20.12.2017

Gurbaj Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Jimmy Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Gurbaj Singh has filed this 2nd petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.31 dated 02.03.2014, registered at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala, under Sections 15 and 25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Section 473 of the Indian Penal Code, added later on.

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 on 13.11.2017, the petitioner absented from the court proceedings; his bail was cancelled and warrant of arrest was issued against him.

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Learned counsel for the petitioner stated that absence of the petitioner was not intentional.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 27.11.2017 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already appeared before the trial Court and has been released on interim bail, as stated.

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 27.11.2017, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

20.12.2017

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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