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

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Date of Decision: 08.05.2017

Gurjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Ms. Gursharan K. Mann, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.P.S.Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Gurjit Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 read with Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of non-bailable warrants issued by learned trial Court and it be directed to release the petitioner on bail on his appearance in FIR No.75 dated 18.06.2014, registered at Police Station Sarai Amanat Khan, District Amritsar City, under Section 22 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion has been 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.

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From the record, I find that the petitioner, who was earlier granted bail under Section 167 (2) Cr.P.C., absented from the court proceedings and non-bailable warrants were issued against him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner stated that absence of the petitioner was not intentional, rather challan was presented in his absence and he was not having the knowledge of the date.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 01.03.2017 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already surrendered before the trial Court and vide order dated 06.03.2017 passed by the trial Court, he 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 and, therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody. Therefore, finding merit in the present petition, the same is allowed and the order dated 01.03.2017, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

08.05.2017

parveen kumar

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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