

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-29283-2018

Date of Decision: 26.07.2018

Manjit Singh

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

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Inderjit Singh, J.

Petitioner-Manjit Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.117 dated 21.09.2014, registered at Police Station Barnala, under Sections 15/25/29/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Notice of motion has been issued.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Pawan Sharda, DAG, Punjab, has accepted notice 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 had been on regular bail since 21.07.2017. He absented from the court proceedings on 12.04.2018. It is the case of the petitioner that he was regularly appearing before the trial Court after the grant of bail and his absence from the Court

proceedings was not intentional.

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 trial of the case will take a long time and no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody. Therefore, finding merit in the present petition, 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.

26.07.2018
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No