

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

CRM-M-30041-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-9.10.2018

Pritam Kaur alias Preeto Pardhan

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Banga, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner Pritam Kaur alias Preeto Pardhan seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered against her vide FIR No.86 dated 4.6.2014 under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Sarhali, District Tarn Taran.

The allegations, in nutshell, pertain to recovery of 287 grams of intoxicating powder and 12 intoxicating injections from the petitioner. The petitioner had been granted bail by learned Judge Special Court, Tarn Taran vide order dated 10.10.2014 but on account of her absence in the trial Court as on 15.6.2018, the bail was cancelled. The learned counsel has submitted that the absence of the petitioner as on 15.6.2018 was the first instance of default on her part ever since she was granted bail on 10.10.2014 and that the same was not intentional but was on account of the fact that the Presiding Officer of the Special Court was on leave and the matter was taken up by the Duty Magistrate and due to confusion, the petitioner could not appear.

It is not denied by the learned State counsel that after grant of bail to the petitioner in the year 2014, she had been regularly appearing before the trial Court.

Bearing in mind the earlier conduct of the petitioner and that her absence as on 15.6.2018 was the first instance of default on her part, the present petition is hereby accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 19.7.2018 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall keep on appearing before the trial Court regularly.

The present petition stands accepted accordingly.

9.10.2018

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No