

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-32971 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: August 21, 2018

Gurpreet Singh @ Gora

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J.

Heard.

Records perused.

This is a second petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner Gurpreet Singh @ Gora in case FIR No.44 dated 24.04.2015 under Sections 15/61/85 of the NDPS Act, Police Station Sadar, Muktsar Sahib.

The petitioner is alleged to have been found in illegal possession of 17 kg of poppy husk and that this Court vide order dated 6.3.2017 had granted the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. However, during the course of trial, the petitioner is stated to have absented on 27.4.2018, as a consequence of which, his bail orders were cancelled and bail/surety bonds were forfeited and warrants of arrest were issued. As is the case of the State counsel, as on date, the petitioner has not put in

appearance. A notice was served upon his surety Gurmeet Singh, who appeared before the Court and had undertaken to produce the accused but to no effect which is very well reflected from order dated 16.7.2018.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has sought to canvass that the trial is at fag end on defence and arguments and sending the petitioner behind the bars would be travesty of justice. However, the same is opposed by the learned State counsel on the ground that the petitioner having violated the terms of the bail is not entitled to any relief.

Appreciating the submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner could not give any worthwhile acceptable explanation of the continued absence of the petitioner which rather abundantly highlights the insolence of the petitioner and the intentional violation of the terms of the anticipatory bail earlier granted to him.

In the light of the same, no ground is made out to allow the present application.

Dismissed.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

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