

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-35396-2018
Date of Decision: 20.08.2018**

Jagtar Singh

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sourabh Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

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Inderjit Singh, J.

Petitioner Jagtar Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.285 dated 25.06.2012, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Amritsar City, under Sections 406, 409, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code (Sections 473 of Indian Penal Code were added later on) and Sections 13(1)(d) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Notice of motion has been issued.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. 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 present petitioner absented himself from the Court proceedings only on one date i.e. 10.07.2018 and non-bailable warrant was issued against him. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the absence of the petitioner 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 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. 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. If the petitioner fails to appear before the trial Court within the stipulated period, instant petition shall be treated as dismissed.

20.08.2018
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No