

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

CRM-M-35454-2018

Date of decision:- 11.10.2018

Harmeet Singh @ Prince

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present:- Mr. Bhrigu Agnihotri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (ORAL)

This is a petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure praying for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 60 dated 01.06.2012 under Sections 21 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Avineet Avasthi, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.

2. Heard learned counsel for the rival parties in the present petition for grant of anticipatory bail.

3. It is not in dispute that by an order dated 09.10.2012 passed in CRM-M-28744-2012, this Court had ordered the petitioner to be released on regular bail. It is also not in dispute that since then he had been regularly appearing before the learned trial Court. However, on 06.08.2018, he remained absent. We are of the view that since

he noted down an incorrect date due to inadvertence and, thus, remained absent before the learned trial Court, no useful purpose would be served by putting him in custody any further.

4. We, therefore, allow the petition and grant him anticipatory bail.

5. The petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail on his furnishing fresh bail bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate. The petitioner shall appear before the learned trial Court with promptitude and shall not make any default in appearance henceforth.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

11.10.2018
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No