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

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Date of Decision: 25.02.2019

Sanjeev Kumar @ Johny

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Ravi Chadda, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 255 dated 06.09.2014, registered at Police Station Focal Point, Ludhiana, under Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Immoral Traffic Act, 1956.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel has put in appearance 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 gone through the record.

Perusal of record shows that the present petitioner absented himself from the court proceedings on 20.07.2018; his bail was cancelled and warrant of arrest was issued against him.

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Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that absence of the petitioner from the court proceedings was not intentional, rather he was unwell on that date.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find that trial of the case may 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. If the petitioner fails to surrender before the trial Court within the stipulated period, instant petition shall be treated as dismissed.

25.02.2019

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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