

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-6261-2019

Date of Decision: 12.03.2019

Sanjeev Sobti @ Sanju

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Ashok Giri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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Inderjit Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner Sanjeev Sobti @ Sanju has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.171 dated 22.06.2017, registered at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar (Rural), under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Notice of motion was issued.

Learned State counsel has appeared 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.

As per the record, the petitioner was on regular bail and he absented himself from the Court proceedings on 18.01.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that reason for his absence from the Court proceedings was not intentional, rather it was on account of noting down the wrong date.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 11.02.2019, passed by

this Court, the petitioner has already surrendered before the trial Court and has been released on interim bail.

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 no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody. Therefore, finding merit in the present petition, the same is allowed. The order dated 11.02.2019, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

12.03.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No