

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-44438-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 6.2.2019

Puneet Sharma

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Shakti Mehta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail consequent upon cancellation of his bail by the learned trial Court vide order dated 2.8.2018 (Annexure P-3) on account of his absence before the trial Court in case FIR No.183, dated 18.7.2015, registered at Police Station Patran, District Patiala, under Sections 3/4 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that his absence as on the date was the first instance of default and that otherwise he has been regularly appearing before the trial Court.

3. Pursuant to order dated 8.10.2018, the petitioner has appeared before the trial Court and furnished bail bonds.
4. The aforesaid position has not been disputed by learned State counsel.
5. In view of the aforestated position and especially the fact that it was the first default on his part and that he is otherwise physically challenged to the extent of 90% as is evident from disability certificate (Annexure P-2), a lenient view is taken. The petition, as such, is accepted and interim directions issued vide order dated 8.10.2018 are made absolute.

February 6, 2019

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No