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

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Date of Decision: 13.05.2019

Surinder Singh @ Matharu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

INDERJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.182 dated 21.08.2017, registered at Police Station Kotwali Bathinda, District Bathinda, under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and contests this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

From the record, I find that earlier, the petitioner was on regular bail. He absented himself from the court proceedings on 20.02.2019 and

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non-bailable warrants were issued against him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that absence of the petitioner from the court was not intentional.

The trial of case may take a long time. No useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody and then to keep him in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Therefore, finding merit in the present petition, the same is allowed. The petitioner is directed to surrender before the trial Court within ten 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, then this petition shall be treated as dismissed.

13.05.2019

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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