

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-46177-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 04.02.2019

Surjit Singh

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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Inderjit Singh, J. (Oral)

CRM-37306-2018

Application is allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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Petitioner Surjit Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in complaint No.146 of 2016 under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Notice of motion was issued.

Learned State counsel has appeared on behalf of respondent-State and contested this petition whereas, respondent No.2 served, but none has appeared on his behalf.

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

From the record, I find that the present petitioner absented himself from the Court proceedings and proclamation was issued for declaring him as proclaimed offender. The present petitioner has filed this

petition for offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, which is bailable one.

In compliance of order dated 17.10.2018, 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 may take a long time and no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody. Therefore, finding merit in this petition, the same is allowed. The order dated 17.10.2018, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

04.02.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No