

**CRM-M-25236-2019**

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

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**Date of Decision: 31.05.2019**

Vikas Chhabra @ Mehandi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Navjinder Singh Sidhu, 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 a case FIR No.36 dated 17.02.2017, registered at Police Station Division No.1, District Ludhiana, under Sections 379-B, 323, 341, 506, 384, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code.

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.

Perusal of record shows that the petitioner absented himself from the court proceedings on 09.05.2019 and warrants of arrest were issued against him.

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Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that absence of the petitioner from the trial 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 appear before the trial Court on or before 03.07.2019 and also to deposit ₹10,000/- as costs with the District Legal Services Authority, Ludhiana, and on doing so, he shall be released on bail by the trial Court to its satisfaction. If the petitioner fails to comply with the aforesaid directions, then this petition shall be treated as dismissed.

**31.05.2019**

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)  
JUDGE**

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| <b>Note:</b> | Whether speaking/reasoned | : | Yes |
|              | Whether reportable        | : | No  |