

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.4297 of 2020

Date of Decision: February 03, 2020

Gurmeet Singh @ Goldi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr.Jagjit Pal Singh Sarao, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**MANOJ BAJAJ, J.**

Petitioner-Gurmeet Singh @ Goldi has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.82 dated 28.04.2017, under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, registered at Police Station, Sadar Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that on 24.01.2020, the petitioner could not appear and the trial Court proceeded to cancel his bail and forfeited the bail bonds. It is submitted that the petitioner had moved an application seeking exemption from personal appearance, but the same was declined vide order dated 24.01.2020. He further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to participate in the trial proceedings.

When learned counsel was confronted with the maintainability of the petition, he makes a prayer to treat the petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. The prayer is accepted.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Monika Jalota, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. A complete copy of the paper book has been furnished to the learned State counsel, in the Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the trial Court has taken into account the previous absence of the petitioner while passing the impugned order of cancellation of bail. He submits that previously also when the petitioner absented, his bail was cancelled and this Court vide order dated 24.09.2019 allowed the petitioner to join the proceedings as his absence on the said date was for justifiable reasons. In the said order, it is also noticed that the case is at the fag-end. It is pointed out that the FIR is of 2017 and previously, the petitioner had been attending the Court proceedings regularly. He submits that the case before the trial Court is fixed for today.

Considering the above, it is ordered that in case the petitioner puts in appearance before the trial Court within next three weeks from today, he shall be admitted on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Petition stands disposed off.

**February 03, 2020**  
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**( MANOJ BAJAJ )**  
**JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned**  
**Whether Reportable:**

**Yes/No**  
**Yes/No**