

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

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CRM-M-9573-2020.

Date of Decision: 04.03.2020.

Gurmeet Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Pardeep Kumar Kapila, Advocate for the petitioner.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail in F.I.R. No.71 dated 17.09.2017 under Section 22 of the N.D.P.S. Act, registered at Police Station City-II, District Mansa, wherein after commencement of trial, on account of non-appearance of petitioner (accused) in Court on 20.01.2020, his presence is being secured through warrant of arrest returnable for 09.03.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that though petitioner used to appear in Court on each and every date of hearing but on account of default made at his instance on 20.01.2020, his presence is ordered to be secured through warrant of arrest returnable for 09.03.2020. He further submits that petitioner is willing to join proceedings of trial, which are going on for the last about 2-1/2 years, wherein he used to appear in Court on each and every date of hearing.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Complete copy of paperbook has been supplied to him in Court.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner is disposed of in the manner that petitioner (accused) shall surrender before trial Court on or before 09.03.2020 and on surrender, he shall be enlarged on bail on his furnishing personal/ surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court. However, it is made clear that trial Court is at liberty to initiate proceedings under Section 446 Cr.P.C. against the petitioner in accordance with law. Meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be initiated against the petitioner pursuant to warrant of arrest already issued against him.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

04.03.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No