

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

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**CRM-M-15048-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.06.2020**

Inderjit Singh @ Niku

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Mohit Vashishat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Inderjit Singh @Niku has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer to grant him anticipatory bail in case FIR No.168, dated July 7, 2018, under Section 379-B(2) and 411 of IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was falsely implicated by the complainant due to a money dispute between them. He submits that the petitioner was rather a shadow witness for complainant in case FIR No.7 dated 23.06.2015. He further submits that the petitioner was granted regular bail on 23.08.2018. However, on 04.03.2020, only on one occasion, the petitioner could not appear before the trial Court. He submits that on 04.03.2020, his bail bonds and surety bonds were forfeited to the State. He however submits that because of COVID-19

situation, the petitioner could not appear before the trial Court due to fever. He further submits that the absence of the petitioner on 04.03.2020, was neither intentional nor willful rather it was due to his acute ill health and fever. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner undertakes that he will not repeat the mistake and shall continue appearing before the trial court.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) CrPC.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate within 10 days. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage, undertakes that the petitioner shall regularly appear before the trial Court on each and every subsequent dates. In this regard, the trial court may if required, ask the petitioner to furnish fresh bail bonds and surety bonds to its satisfaction.

Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with the above observation.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No