

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

Sr. No.102

CRM-M-18460-2020

DATE OF DECISION: July 23, 2020

RAVI KUMAR MEHRA

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate, for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is an accused in complaint case No.25072 of 2012 dated 30.08.2012 titled as “*Sunil Suri Vs. Jyoti Salwan and others*” pending in the Court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar. His bail was cancelled vide order dated 01.03.2019 because he failed to appear on the said date without valid reason. Subsequently, vide order dated 16.12.2019, he was declared P.O. Thus, the present petition has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was extremely unwell and had to go to Australia on an urgent basis for medical treatment and he could not even give instructions to his lawyer. The petitioner is willing to surrender before the trial Court and his liberty may be protected.

Notice of motion to respondent No.1 only.

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Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

Considering the nature of order being passed there is no necessity to serve the complainant-respondent No.2 or to seek a written statement from the State of Punjab.

The petitioner is an accused and is willing to surrender to join the trial. Thus, I deem it appropriate to grant him relief so that the trial can be concluded early. However, in view of the fact that he has absconded from the law, the interest of justice would require that he be penalized for the same. The petitioner is thus directed to pay a sum of Rs.2 lacs to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court as a condition precedent to grant of bail.

The petitioner is further directed to surrender before the trial Court on or before 04.08.2020 and seek regular bail along with proof of payment of the aforementioned amount. In case, he does so, the trial Court/Duty Magistrate is directed to grant him regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to its satisfaction.

July 23, 2020

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable No