

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

CRM-M-22550-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 13.08.2020

Harjinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

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

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.35 dated 26.04.1997 under Section 18 of NDPS Act registered at Police Station Division No.4, District Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard at length.

It has gone uncontroverted that the petitioner was granted bail but thereafter absented from trial proceedings over a span of more than 19 years. He was even declared a proclaimed offender on 31.10.2001. Counsel concedes that there is no challenge to the order dated 31.10.2001 declaring the petitioner as a proclaimed offender.

Conduct of the petitioner dis-entitles him from the concession of pre-arrest bail.

Petition dismissed.

**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

August 13, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No