

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22041-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 07.08.2020

Sarabjit Singh @ Sabi

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.18 dated 07.02.2016 under Section 379 IPC and Section 21 of Mining and Minerals Regulation Development Act, 1957, registered at Police Station Jagroan, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that initially, the petitioner was granted bail, but when the challan was presented before the Illaqa Magistrate, the case was committed to the Court of Additional Sessions Judge and the petitioner defaulted in appearing on 16.01.2020 and non-bailable warrants were issued against him. It is further submitted that now the case before the Additional Sessions Judge is fixed on 26.10.2020 for recording the prosecution evidence and the petitioner undertakes to appear before the Court within a period of 15 days from today.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has not disputed the factual position, however, submits that on account of non-appearance of the petitioner, the trial will be further delayed.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted 15 days' time to appear before the Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana, who will release him on bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds and on deposit of costs of Rs.5,000/- to be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority, Ludhiana, for causing the delay in disposal of the case.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No