

(113) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-5990-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:10.02.2021
(Heard through VC)

Monu ... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present : Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail in the FIR in question.

It is contended that the petitioner had been nominated as an accused in the FIR in question and he was arrested. Thereafter, he was allowed regular bail by an order dated 4.1.2017. Thereafter, the matter was committed to the Sessions Court where charges were framed and the matter had been posted for prosecution evidence. The petitioner continued to face trial till 11.11.2019. However, he failed to put in appearance thereafter being a poor litigant without a job. He was unable to put in appearance before the trial Court on 2.12.2019 on which date his bail order was cancelled and warrants of arrest were issued. Since he had shifted his residence, he was not aware about the same. It is only when his mother was served with a copy of non-bailable warrants of arrest, he was made aware that his bail bonds have been cancelled.

Learned counsel for the petitioner limits his prayer for stay of non-bailable warrants issued against the petitioner stating that he will put in appearance before the trial Court on the date so fixed and face the proceedings. It is submitted that the matter is now fixed for 22.02.2021. It is

also argued that the trial is at its initial stage as perusal of the zimini orders

reflected that no prosecution witness had come forth and the matter was being adjourned on account of Covid pandemic.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, A.A.G. Punjab, who is present in Court through video conferencing, accepts notice.

This petition is being disposed of by issuing a direction to the petitioner to put in appearance on 22.2.2021 before the designated Court, on which date, he will move application for bail and he will be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing adequate personal/surety bonds.

However, it is made clear that in case petitioner does not put in appearance on 22.02.2021 before the trial Court, the aforementioned direction shall stand vacated.

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned **Yes/No**

Whether reportable **Yes/No**