

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

CRM-M-9907 of 2021.
Decided on March 03, 2021.

Balkar Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present:- Mr. Narinder S. Lucky, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

This is the second petition filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.97 dated 11.06.2015 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC registered at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar City.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier also, the petitioner had approached this Court seeking anticipatory bail in the aforesaid FIR by way of **CRM-M-27341 of 2015** titled as ***Balkar Singh Versus State of Punjab***, which was allowed by this Court vide order dated November 02, 2015. However, it is on account of the absence of petitioner before the trial Court on 26.11.2019, his bail was cancelled and non-bailable warrants were issued against him. Ultimately, vide order dated 17.03.2020 passed by the trial Court, the petitioner was declared as a proclaimed offender.

He further submits that since the petitioner was admitted in the hospital, he could not appear before the trial Court on 26.11.2019 and

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thereafter, there was a lockdown in the State of Punjab due to COVID-19 pandemic. In this manner, the absence of the petitioner was not intentional.

He further submits that at this stage, he does not press the present petition. However, the petitioner undertakes to appear before the trial Court and to face the trial in accordance with law provided he is admitted on bail by the trial Court. The trial is now pending for defence evidence and is at an advance stage of conclusion.

Dismissed as not pressed.

Noticing the fact that the petitioner has shown his inclination to face the trial, which is at an advance stage, it is ordered that in case the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within a period of one week from today along with the receipt of payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with the Bar Association of this Court, the trial Court shall admit him on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to its satisfaction. The petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking before the trial Court that he shall continue to appear during the trial and shall not hamper the smooth trial of the case.

March 03, 2021

Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No