

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

CRM-M-9882-2021 (O&M)
Decided on:- March 10, 2021.

Dinesh Lalwani.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana.

.....Respondent.

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

Present:- Mr. Suram Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in complaint case No.2/2011 titled as ***Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board Versus M/s Municipal Council Ambala City and others*** under Section 15 read with Section 19 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986 pending before learned Special Environment Court, Kurukshetra.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on account of absence of the petitioner before the Special Environment Court, Kurukshetra on 12.02.2021, the bail of petitioner was cancelled and his bail bonds and surety bonds were forfeited to the State.

He further submits that due to prevailing situation of COVID-19 pandemic, the routine work of the Court was suspended in the month of March, 2020 and the trial Court resumed working in the month of January/February, 2021. The petitioner did not receive any notice regarding the date fixed i.e. 12.02.2021 and in this manner, he could not appear before the trial Court during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the petitioner undertakes to appear before the trial Court and to face the trial regularly.

Considering the fact that the petitioner was on bail in this case and he has shown his inclination to appear before the trial Court, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioner appears before the trial Court within a period of one week from today and moves an application to seek regular bail, he shall be admitted on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

March 10, 2021
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable: No