

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

CRM-M-12760 of 2021
Date of Decision:19.03.2021

Satnam Singh
State of Punjab

Versus

...Petitioner
...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 140 dated 23.12.2015, under Sections 397 IPC (Section 379-B IPC added later on and Section 397 IPC deleted), registered at Police Station Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran.

The petitioner was got arrested and thereafter released on regular bail and the charges have been framed against the petitioner on 02.09.2017. The prosecution has availed 22 opportunities however, not even a single prosecution witness has been examined till date. On 10.02.2020 the petitioner did not appear before learned trial Court. For failure of the petitioner to appear before the learned trial Court his bail bonds and surety bonds were ordered to be cancelled and his presence was ordered to be secured through non-bailable warrants.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the non-appearance of the petitioner was not intentional. It was due to the fact that the petitioner inadvertently noted down the next of hearing as 10.03.2020 instead of 10.02.2020. He undertakes that the petitioner

shall appear before the learned trial court on any date to be fixed by this Court.

Notice of motion.

Mr. R.S. Khaira, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner states that the next date of hearing before learned trial Court is fixed for 24.03.2021.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into account the facts of the present case, this petition is disposed of with the observation that the petitioner may appear before the learned trial Court 24.03.2021. On his doing so, he shall be released on interim bail by the trial Court subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to its satisfaction. This shall subject to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- by the petitioner with the Punjab Chief Minister Relief Fund COVID-19. He shall also file an undertaking before the Appellate Court to continue appearing before the Appellate Court as and when required apart from following all the terms and conditions fixed in this respect.

[HARINDER SINGH SIDHU]
JUDGE

March 19, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable?

yes/no
yes/no