

CRM-M-18522-2021(O&M)**Date of decision: 12.05.2021****Happy****.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab**.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

Present:- Mr.L.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No. 90 dated 18.07.2019 registered under Section 21 of the NDPS Act at Police Station City 2, Mansa, District Mansa.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner was apprehended with 5 grams of Heroin (contraband). He was granted the concession of bail on 17.08.2019, however, he jumped bail on 15.04.2020. Thereafter, inspite of repeated attempts of the trial court to serve, the petitioner did not appear. Under the circumstances, the trial court got issued the proclamation for 30.04.2021 to declare the petitioner, a proclaimed offender.

Learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that due to complete lockdown, the petitioner could not appear in the court on 15.04.2020.

Be that as it may. It is apparent from the reading of the orders passed that the petitioner has been avoiding to appear even after

the courts reopened.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Bench is not inclined to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. However, if the petitioner surrenders before the trial court within one week from today and applies for bail, the same be decided within three days thereafter.

With these observations, the present petition is disposed of.

12.05.2021
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No