

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

CRM-M-30684-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.08.2021

Harjinder Singh @ Nikka

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghuman, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner. Similar was the position on the last date of hearing. Vide order dated 18.03.2021, a Co-ordinate Bench (Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Sibal) had directed the release of petitioner on interim bail till 19.07.2021, clarifying that on the adjourned date subject to petitioner's surrender and observing his conduct during the period he was on interim bail and situation with regard to COVID-19, the petitioner's plea for grant of regular bail would be considered on its merits.

As per custody certificate filed, the petitioner has not surrendered back at jail gate after availing the concession of interim bail.

When the case came up for hearing before this Court on 22.07.2021, there

was no representation on behalf of the petitioner and in the interest of justice, the case was adjourned for today.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhram has informed that the petitioner has not surrendered at gate of Central Jail, Ludhiana till date.

In that way, he has absconded and since he is no longer in custody, the petition for regular bail filed by him has become infructuous. The same stands dismissed accordingly.

The Court of Illaqa Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana is directed to forfeit the personal and surety bonds of the petitioner and issue non-bailable warrants of arrest against him, so as to get him arrested and put behind bars in this case.

The State counsel has been directed to obtain non-bailable warrants of arrest and notice to his surety and then get those executed at the earliest.

02.08.2021

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No