

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

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CRM-M-3825 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:10th May, 2022

Manoj Kumar

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Gobind Dhanda, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This is a petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.91 dated 23.4.2018, under Sections 148, 149, 307, 341, 427, 506, 120-B and 201 IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Cheeka District Kaithal.

The petitioner was granted regular bail by the trial Court, he absented on 22.10.2019 and his bail bonds were forfeited.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was apprehended in another case, hence, he could not appear in trial. The contention is that the absence was not intentional. To show his *bonafide*, the petitioner is ready to deposit Rs.50,000/- as cash security with the trial Court.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner was absconding from 22.10.2019 to 27.1.2021.

Considering that there is a reasonable explanation for petitioner not appearing before the trial Court and as per contention raised by learned counsel, the petitioner was granted bail in other FIR, the petitioner is granted regular bail subject to furnishing cash security of Rs.50,000/- with the trial Court. The amount shall be kept in FDR in a nationalised bank subject to outcome of the trial. In case of absence of the petitioner during trial, the amount so deposited shall be liable to be forfeited.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

10th May, 2022
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>