

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

Criminal Misc. No.M-6484 of 2022(O&M)

Date of Decision: March 07, 2022

Sandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr.Shakti Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

By filing this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C., the petitioner has challenged the order dated 20.09.2021 passed by Ld. Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, whereby, the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 08.04.2020 has been cancelled and he has been ordered to be summoned through arrest warrants.

Vide judgment and order dated 09.03.2020 passed by Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Amritsar, the petitioner was convicted under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year and also to pay compensation of Rs.3,00,000/- to the complainant. He filed appeal, wherein, vide order dated 08.04.2020 passed by Ld. Additional Sessions Judge (Duty), Amritsar, the sentence of imprisonment was ordered to be suspended on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court. It was also directed that in view of the amendment of Negotiable Instruments Act vide Negotiable Instruments

20% of the amount of compensation before the concerned Court within a period of 60 days.

The petitioner failed to deposit the requisite statutory amount i.e. 20% of the compensation. On 03.09.2021, he requested for granting one more opportunity to comply with the order dated 08.04.2020, which was granted. Then again on 20.09.2021, instead of depositing the amount as directed, the petitioner absented from the Court. In was in these circumstances that the Ld. Appellate Court passed the impugned order.

There is no ground to interfere.

Petition dismissed.

March 07, 2022

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking / Reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes / No