

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

**CRM-M-12085-2022
Date of decision: 23.03.2022**

Raj Pal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. S. S. Hira, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

(Through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 294 dated 22.11.2017, registered under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was granted the concession of regular bail and was regularly attending the court proceedings, however, he could not appear before the trial Court on 11.01.2021 and 25.10.2021 and the trial Court, by observing that the petitioner intentionally evading his appearance, has cancelled the bail/surety bonds of the petitioner and has issued non-bailable warrants against him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that non-appearance of the petitioner was due to COVID-19 situation and lack of communication between the petitioner and his counsel in the trial Court.

Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to

surrender before the trial Court and apply for grant of fresh bail.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab, who is also appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and does not dispute the factual position.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, in order to avoid any further delay in conclusion of trial, the present petition is allowed with a direction to petitioner to appear before the trial Court within a period of 30 days from today and on doing so, the trial Court will release him on bail, subject to his furnishing fresh bail/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

Till the time the petitioner appears before the trial Court, his arrest shall remain stayed.

23.03.2022

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No