

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

CRM-M-16540 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 6th August, 2022

Balbir Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. A.K. Goel, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This is a petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 76 dated 28.6.1996, under Sections 406, 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar, Tehsil and District Jalandhar.

The petitioner was granted bail on 24th September, 1996 by the Sessions Court, Jalandhar. He failed to appear in the trial and was declared proclaimed person on 15th July, 2006. He was apprehended on 31st January, 2022.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is 82 years old having medical ailment. In order to show *bonafide*, the petitioner is ready to deposit Rs.1,00,000/- cash security with the trial Court, subject to the outcome of the trial. Petitioner undertakes to ensure his presence before the trial Court as and when required.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner was successful in delaying the trial for almost sixteen years.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the age of the petitioner and the offer being made by petitioner *prima-facie* is reasonable and is accepted, the petitioner is granted regular bail subject to deposit of Rs.1,00,000/- as cash security with the trial Court. The amount deposited would be subject to outcome of the trial and the same shall be kept in FDRs in a nationalized bank. In case of failure of the petitioner to appear before the Court concerned as and when required, the same would be liable to be forfeited.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

6th August, 2022
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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