

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(125)

CRM-M-41108-2022

Date of decision: - 08.09.2022

Alok

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Deepak Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Sihag, AAG, Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of impugned order dated 23.08.2022 (Annexure P-4), whereby the bail bond of the petitioner has been forfeited and the arrest warrant has been issued against the petitioner in FIR No.197 dated 16.09.2021 (Annexure P-1) under Section 21(C) of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Sadar Tohana, District Fatehabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 07.03.2022 (Annexure P-2) and thereafter, the petitioner was continuously appearing, but on 19.07.2022, the petitioner had noted the next date of hearing as 23.09.2022 instead of 23.08.2022, on which date the impugned order was passed and on the said date, no witness was

present and thus, the trial has not been delayed on the said account. It is submitted that the petitioner undertakes to appear before the trial Court on or before 27.09.2022, which is the next date of hearing and also on each and every date thereafter before the trial Court, unless his personal appearance is specifically exempted by the trial Court. Since, the purpose of issuance of warrants of arrest is to secure the presence of the accused, thus, the interest of justice would be met, in case, the impugned order is set aside and the petitioner is directed to appear before the trial Court.

Notice of motion.

On advance notice, Mr. Dhruv Sihag, AAG, Haryana, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State and has submitted that he is fully prepared to argue the matter and assist this Court. He has opposed the present petition and has submitted that the petitioner was aware about the above-said date and his non-appearance on 23.08.2022 was intentional and the impugned order has been rightly passed.

This Court has heard the learned counsel for the parties and has perused the paper-book.

The petitioner was granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide order dated 07.03.2022. It is the case of the petitioner that he had been appearing regularly before the trial Court and on 19.07.2022, he had noted the wrong date, thus, he could not appear, on account of which, the impugned order had been passed. A perusal of the order dated 23.08.2022 would show that no witness of the prosecution was present before the Court on the said date. The case before the trial Court is now fixed for 27.09.2022. The petitioner has undertaken to appear before the trial Court

on or before 27.09.2022 and also on each and every date thereafter, before the trial Court unless his personal appearance is specifically exempted by the trial Court.

Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed and the impugned order dated 23.08.2022 (P-4) to the extent that the bail order of the petitioner has been cancelled and his bail bonds/surety bonds have been forfeited to the State and warrant of arrest has been issued and notice has also been issued to the surety of the petitioner, is set aside, subject to the petitioner appearing before the trial Court on or before 27.09.2022 and on his appearance, the trial Court is directed to release the petitioner on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court. The same would also be subject to the petitioner depositing an amount of Rs.5,000/- with the 'Bar Clerks Association, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh' and would also be subject to the petitioner giving an undertaking to the trial Court that he would appear before the trial Court on each and every date unless his personal appearance is specifically exempted by the Court.

It is, however, clarified that in case, the abovesaid conditions are not complied with within the stipulated time period, then the present petition would be deemed to have been dismissed.

September 08, 2022
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No