

**211 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-43969-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.01.2022

Lakhvir Singh

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.
2. This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in FIR No. 05, dated 09.03.2017, under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, 1860 and Sections 13(1)(d), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Unit Kapurthala Range Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.
3. The petitioner was granted an interim bail on 19.11.2019, the order was extended on 4th March, 2020. thereafter neither petitioner surrendered nor filed application for extension of bail. Learned State counsel informed this Court that house of the petitioner was raided, he was not present. However, his father handed over a medical certificate of private doctor stating that petitioner is unwell.
4. On 24th August, 2021. this Court directed petitioner to surrender within one week. The matter was adjourned for 15th October,

5. The Court was informed by State counsel that statement of the Sarpanch was recorded stating that applicant was not residing in the village and house is locked.
6. Today Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate appears on behalf of the petitioner submits that petitioner is not in contact with him and he has no further instructions so he is unable to pursue the petition.
7. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh submits that efforts are being made to apprehend the petitioner and non bailable warrants were issued.
8. In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.
9. Since the main case is dismissed, pending application, if any, renders infructuous.
10. Let the State filed the status report within four months with the registry of this Court with regard to the effective steps taken against the petitioner.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

18th January, 2022
Parveen Sharma

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes /No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes /No |