

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

CRM-M No.3572 of 2023

Date of decision: 23rd January, 2023

Amandeep Singh @ Deep

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. G.S. Nahel, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of the order dated 01.10.2022 (Annexure P-7) passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sangrur in case FIR No.53 dated 02.07.2017 under Sections 21, 22, 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 pertaining to Police Station Cheema, District Sangrur, vide which bail orders of the petitioner were cancelled and the bail/surety bonds were forfeited to the State.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner had been regularly appearing before the trial Court on each and every date of hearing after he had been extended the concession of bail vide order dated 13.10.2018 (Annexure P-3), however, subsequently on account of his admission in the Deaddiction Centre, he was unable to appear before the trial Court on the subsequent dates of hearing, leading to passing of the impugned order. He further submits that the factum of admission of the petitioner in Deaddiction Centre was also noticed in the order of the trial Court dated 11.02.2022 (Annexure P-6).

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel for the petitioner as to whether the petitioner was involved in any other criminal case, he has replied in the negative. Learned counsel also submits that it was for genuine reasons that the petitioner was unable to put in an appearance before the Court on various dates of hearing. He further submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and join proceedings before the trial Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant material on record.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel representing the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the trial Court within a week from today and move appropriate application for grant of bail. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner. The trial Court, on such application being moved, shall decide it expeditiously.

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to surrender before the Court below within the above stipulated time period, this order shall be of no avail to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 23, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No