

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

CRM-M No.4080 of 2023
Date of decision: 25th January, 2023

Naresh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing of order dated 01.11.2021 (Annexure P-4) vide which bail granted to the petitioner was cancelled and his bail and surety bonds were forfeited to the State in case bearing FIR No.68 dated 11.04.2019 under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner absented only on one date in November 2021 and prior thereto he had been regularly appearing before the Court concerned. He further submits that since the petitioner was a drug addict, he was not permitted by his family to step out and which is precisely the reason as to why he could not appear before the Court ever since November 2021 till date. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been successful in overcoming his drug addiction and he is now willing to surrender before the Court concerned

and join the proceedings. However, learned counsel submits that the petitioner could be apprehended by the police any time prior to that.

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 on or before 30.01.2023 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 in accordance with law. 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 25, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No