

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

106-2

CRM-M-14091-2023

Date of decision: 20.03.2023

Malkeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Rattan Chand (deceased) through his LRs and anr

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in Criminal Appeal No.CRA-11-2018 titled as 'Malkeet Singh Vs. Rattan Chand' pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala wherein non-bailable warrants of arrest have been issued against him for his non-appearance.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner absented himself before the Court concerned only on one date as his previous counsel told him that his presence was not required and he would inform him about the next date, however, one day prior to the date of hearing on 25.01.2023, the petitioner came to know about the non-bailable warrants issued by the Court concerned. He further submits that the petitioner was willing and ready to appear, and surrender before the Court concerned. Hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, the petitioner be protected till his appearance before the Court concerned and with directions to the Court concerned that his bail application, which he would be filing on his surrender, be

decided expeditiously.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2-State.

In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with directions to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the Court concerned on or before the next date fixed before it i.e. 05.04.2023. Till then, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner.

It is made clear that in case, the petitioner fails to surrender before the Court concerned on or before 05.04.2023, this order shall be of no avail to him. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioner moves an application for bail before the Court concerned, the same shall be decided expeditiously by the Court concerned in accordance with law.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No