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

CRM-M-49423-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 29.09.2023

Varinder Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 read with Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for extension of interim bail granted in CRM-M-43831-2023, for two weeks in FIR No.62 dated 05.07.2023, under Section 22(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Act, 1985 (*for short 'the Act'*), registered at Police Station Badali Ala singh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

2. It transpires that petitioner was granted concession of interim bail pending trial by this Court on 15.09.2023 in CRM-M-43831-2023, on account of the fact that he was getting married on 11.06.2023. For reference, relevant part of the order dated 15.09.2023, is recapitulated as under:-

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 read with Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, inter alia, for grant of interim bail for a period of six weeks to the petitioner on account of his marriage, which is scheduled to be held on 20.09.2023, in FIR No.62 dated 05.07.2023, under Section 22(C)/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Badali Ala Singh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

(2) Upon notice, the factum of marriage of petitioner is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel on instructions from ASI Kashmiri Lal.

(3) In view of the above, petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail w.e.f. 18.09.2023 on furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(4) It is also made clear that petitioner shall surrender before the Jail Authorities concerned on 29.09.2023 at 10:00 AM.

(5) Disposed off accordingly.

(6) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.”

3. A perusal of the above extract clearly reveals that petitioner had been granted interim bail w.e.f. 18.09.2023, but he was directed to surrender before the Jail Authorities on 29.09.2023 at 10.00 AM.

4. Today, i.e. 29.09.2023, petitioner is seeking extension of the interim concession on the ground that his father has been suffering from serious health problems and undergoing treatment at PGIMER, Chandigarh, without complying with the directions of this Court.

5. In view of the above, no ground is made out to accept the prayer of petitioner for extension of interim bail any further.

6. Consequently, there is no option, except to dismiss the petition.

7. Ordered accordingly.

7. However, it is made clear that dismissal of the present petition be not treated as a bar to the petitioner seeking regular bail pending trial; nor the observations made above be construed as an expression of opinion on the merit of the controversy, in any manner.

29.09.2023
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/ reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>