

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

CRM-M No.58054 of 2023

Date of order: 20th November, 2023

Gobind Singh @ Govind Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.64 dated 12.03.2021 for the offences under Section 18(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he was granted regular bail vide order dated 15.04.2021 and thereafter, the case was adjourned on various dates for prosecution evidence. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner could not appear before the Court below, and consequently vide order dated 28.07.2023 passed by learned Special Judge, Sri Muktsar Sahib, his bail was cancelled and bail/surety bonds were forfeited to the State. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and join proceedings before the trial Court.

3. 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 24.11.2023 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. 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

November 20, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No