

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.13456 of 2024
Date of decision: 15th March, 2024

Harpreet Singh @ Harpartap Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocates for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner in the instant petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is praying for quashing of the order dated 01.03.2024 (Annexure P-3) passed by the learned trial Court vide which the bail granted to him in case FIR No.133 dated 29.04.2021 under Sections 21-B/22-B/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and sections 42/52-A of the Prisons Act registered at Police Station Islamabad, District Amritsar, was cancelled owing to his non-appearance in the Court.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had been regularly appearing before the Court concerned and it was only on 01.03.2024 that he was unable to put in an appearance on account of noting down wrong date of hearing; it was thus, for a genuine reason that the petitioner was unable to put in an appearance before the Court. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to appear and join proceedings before the learned trial Court.

Hence, in the aforementioned facts and circumstances, the petitioner be

protected till his appearance before the Court concerned and the Court be directed that his application, which he would be filing on his surrender, be decided expeditiously.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

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

6. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, the petition is disposed of with direction to the petitioner to appear and surrender before the learned trial Court within seven days from today. Till then, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner, subject to payment of costs in the sum of ₹ 10,000/- which shall be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority, Amritsar.

7. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to surrender before the Court concerned within the above stipulated time period, this order shall be of no avail to him, thereafter. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioner moves an application for bail before the Court, the same shall be decided by the Court concerned expeditiously in accordance with the provisions of law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 15, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No