

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-15003-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 22.03.2024

Inderjit Singh @ Inderjeet Singh @ Jeet ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Jaspreet Singh Brar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. Today, at the very outset, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the present petition with liberty to surrender before the trial Court and to apply for grant of regular bail.
2. Learned counsel however, submits that as a matter of fact the absence of the petitioner on said date was not intentional, but was on account of the fact that he was admitted in a De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre.
3. Having regard to the aforesaid submission, the instant petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty aforesaid.
4. It is, however, directed that in case the petitioner surrenders before the Trial Court within 10 days from today and moves an application for grant of regular bail, the Trial Court shall consider the same expeditiously while taking into account all such pleas as may be raised on behalf of the

petitioner including his plea regarding having been admitted in De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre, in accordance with law and as per the observations made in concluding paragraph of judgment passed by this Court in CRM-M-39172 of 2021 titled Pawan Kumar Vs. State of Haryana and another decided on 21.9.2021, which reads as under:

“12. Before parting with this order, it needs to be added that this Court cannot lose sight of the fact that there would be certain cases where an accused is unable to appear before the trial Court on account of genuine reasons, say on account of having noted the date incorrectly or on account of certain reasons which are beyond his control. In such cases, the accused can surrender before the trial Court and it is expected that the trial Courts would take a lenient view in genuine cases and decide the regular bail application expeditiously. In a given set of circumstances where the trial Court is satisfied that there were valid reasons for the absence of an accused and that he has surrendered at the shortest possible time, the trial Court can in fact dispose of the regular bail application on the very day the same is presented by accused upon his surrender. The trial Court, in its discretion, may also chose to grant interim bail, in fit cases, but only after surrender of accused.”

5. The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

22.03.2024

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No