

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.20192 of 2024

Date of decision: 24th April, 2024

Ajit Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate 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 20.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) passed by the learned trial Court vide which bail granted to him in case FIR No.188 dated 22.10.2020 under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Navi Baradari, District Jalandhar, 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 20.10.2023 he could not put in appearance before the Court as he was in custody in another case FIR No.143 dated 09.08.2023; 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. Navdeep Singh, 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 on or before 29.04.2024. 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, Jalandhar.

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, the learned trial Court shall make earnest efforts to decide the same expeditiously in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 24, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No