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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 09.05.2024

Baljit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present: Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdev Singh, AAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
140	16.11.2017	Fattu DHINGA, District Kapurthala	22 of NDPS Act

1. Aggrieved by the order of issuance of non-bailable warrants vide order dated 05.03.2024, passed by Judge Special Court, Kapurthala, due to the default in appearances before the trial court, the petitioner has come up before this court under section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC).
2. The nature of order this court proposes to pass, no response is required from the respondent.
3. Petitioner’s counsel submits that the petitioner was appearing on each and every date before the trial Court which was fixed prior to 05.03.2024, but he was unable to appear on 05.03.2024 as he had noted wrong date of hearing and therefore the non-appearance was not intentional.
4. The primary object of service is to secure the accused's presence in trial. The petitioner has approached this court on its own, establishing the bonafide at this stage.
- Without commenting on the case's merits, and in the facts and circumstances peculiar



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to this case, and also for the reasons mentioned above, the ends of justice would meet. Furthermore, without adjudicating the maintainability of this petition under section 482 CrPC and leaving that question open; given the explanation offered by the accused coupled with the facts and circumstances peculiar to this case, a balanced approach would work as an incentive, a catalyst, speeding up the process, and bringing the guilty to Justice and Justice to the guilty. Thus, exercising the inherent powers under section 482 CrPC, this court deems it appropriate to grant the following limited relief to the petitioner, subject to compliance with the conditions mentioned in this order.

5. **The petitioner is directed to surrender before the concerned court on or before 20.05.2024 and file a bail petition. Since the petitioner was earlier granted bail, as such on appearance, the concerned court shall release the petitioner on bail on the same day, subject to furnishing bail bonds to its satisfaction and imposing reasonable conditions as it may deem appropriate in the background of the accused's conduct.**

6. The petitioner shall not be arrested till 20.05.2024, 10 PM and it is clarified that this order shall stand recalled automatically under section 362, read with 482 CrPC, without any further reference to this court, after 10AM on 21.05.2024.

7. Any observation made hereinabove is neither an expression of opinion on the merits of the case nor shall the trial Court advert to these comments.

8. *There would be no need for a certified copy of this order, and any Advocate for the Petitioner can download this order along with case status from the official web page of this Court and attest it to be a true copy. In case the attesting officer wants to verify the authenticity, such an officer can also verify its authenticity and may download and use the downloaded copy for attesting bonds.*

Petition allowed to the extent and subject to the conditions mentioned above. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

09.05.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No.