



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

CRM-M-3047-2025
Date of decision: 27.01.2025

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

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

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking setting aside the order dated 23.02.2023 Annexure P-4 passed by Judge, Special Court, Tarn Taran whereby the bail order of the petitioner was cancelled and he is directed to be summoned through non bailable warrants of arrest in criminal case having FIR No.156 dated 26.09.2019, under Section 15 NDPS Act, Police Station Sadar Patti.
2. Notice of motion.
3. Mr. J.S. Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.
4. The counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* submits that the case is relating to recovery of non commercial quantity of contraband and petitioner was granted regular bail vide order dated 01.11.2019 Annexure P-2. That during the covid period, the personal appearance of the petitioner was exempted. That even the challan against the petitioner was presented before the Court concerned in the absence of petitioner. That subsequently, the petitioner was arrested in one another case on 11.03.2024 and the Court concerned issued production warrants of the petitioner but by that time, the petitioner was released on bail in another case. It is further submitted that the absence of the petitioner before the trial Court was on account of



aforesaid unavoidable circumstances and his absence was not intentional. It is further submitted that petitioner is ready to join the proceedings before the trial Court at the earliest.

5. The present petition is resisted by the State counsel who submits that no doubt, the petitioner was granted regular bail vide order Annexure P-2 dated 01.11.2019 and that subsequently, Courts started working in a restricted manner on account of spread of Corona Virus, but the absence of the petitioner at the relevant time cannot be considered to be unintentional.

6. Admittedly, petitioner has himself come forward and has shown willingness to join the proceedings before the trial Court, at the earliest.

7. In light of the facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on the merits, the present petition is hereby disposed of with direction to the petitioner to appear before the learned trial Court within next 10 days and on his doing so, the petitioner is to be released on regular bail by the Court concerned to its own satisfaction, subject to cost of Rs.5,000/- to be deposited by the petitioner with the District Legal Services Authority concerned.

8. Disposed of in aforesaid terms.

27.01.2025

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**(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No