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

**CRM-M-19925-2025 (O&M)
Decided on:-11.04.2025**

Baljinder Kaur

....Petitioner..

VS.

State of Punjab

...Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: None for the petitioner.

HARKESH MANUJA J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.13 dated 29.01.2024, under Section 22 (b) of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar Rural.

2. Perusal of paper-book shows that the petitioner has been implicated in a case of non-commercial quantity of 90 loose tablets of Etizolam. She is not involved in any other case. Record also shows that the petitioner was earlier granted bail awaiting FSL report, however, after filing of the said report, she was required to appear before the trial Court, whereas, on account of her non-appearance, her bail bonds and surety bonds were cancelled and forfeited to the State vide order dated 18.01.2025, thereby, making her to file an application seeking grant of anticipatory bail.

3. Upon advance notice, Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab, appears

on behalf of the respondent and vehemently opposes the prayer made in the petition, while submitting that the non-appearance of the petitioner before the Trial Court was just to cause delay in the disposal of trial.

4. I have heard learned State counsel and gone through the paper book.

5. The non-appearance of the petitioner before the Trial Court on 18.01.2025 appears to be unintentional as she was never served. Moreover, the petitioner is stated to be not involved in any other case and is ready to join the investigation as and when required by the Investigating Agency.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the present case, order dated 18.01.2025 passed by the learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Jalandhar, is set aside. Petitioner is directed to appear before the Trial Court within a period of 15 days from today and furnish her fresh bail/surety bonds, which shall be accepted, subject to its satisfaction. Till then, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner.

7. Disposed of accordingly.

11.04.2025

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/ No