



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

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CRM-M-72548-2025

Date of Decision: 23.12.2025

GURMEET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

MUKESH CHOPRA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Nikhil Mittal, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks quashing of the impugned order dated 17.09.2025, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Kurukshetra, in criminal appeal being No.CRA-328 of 2023 (In NACT-838 of 2019), under Section 138 of NI Act, tiled as 'Gurmeet Singh versus Mukesh Chopra', whereby his bail was cancelled and bonds were forfeited to the State due to his non-appearance and non-bailable warrants were issued against the petitioner for 30.10.2025. Now fresh warrants of arrest have been ordered to be issued for 05.01.2026.

2. It is, *inter alia*, argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that on 14.08.2025, an application for exemption from personal appearance was filed and the proceedings were deferred to 17.09.2025. His absence before the learned Appellate Court on 17.09.2025 was not intentional but due to the reason that his counsel did not inform him about the said date of hearing. The counsel for the petitioner could not move any application seeking exemption from personal appearance as he was not present in the Court due to illness of his son. He is willing to abide by any terms and conditions



imposed upon him and is ready to join the proceedings before the learned Appellate Court. It is, therefore, prayed that the impugned order be set aside.

3. This Court has heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
4. On a perusal of record, this Court finds no illegality or infirmity in the impugned order since his bail was cancelled on account of his non-appearance on 17.09.2025. However, keeping in view the fact that he is ready and willing to join the proceedings before the learned Appellate Court and is also ready to abide by the terms imposed upon him by the learned Appellate Court, the instant petition is allowed with a direction to him to surrender before the learned Appellate Court on or before 05.01.2026. Upon his doing so and on moving an appropriate application, the learned Appellate Court shall admit him to bail subject to his furnishing fresh personal as well as surety bonds to its satisfaction. It is, however, clarified that this petition shall be deemed to have been dismissed, if the petitioner fails to comply with this order.
5. Petition stands disposed of.
6. A copy of this order be sent to the Appellate Court concerned for information and necessary compliance.

(MANISHA BATRA)

JUDGE

December 23, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No