

S. No.103

2026:PHHC:022265



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

CRR No.535 of 2022

Date of Decision:12.02.2026

Varun Goyal

.....Petitioner

Vs.

Avtar Singh and another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present:- Mr. H.P.S. Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Yashvir Singh Rathor, J. (Oral)

1. This revision petition is directed against the order dated 12.03.2022 passed by Presiding Officer-cum-Additional Sessions Judge of Lok Adalat vide which the order of suspension of sentence has been recalled and arrest warrants have been issued.

2. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have perused the material on record.

3. Before proceeding further, the impugned order dated 12.03.2022 is reproduced above:-

“Case called several times, but none has appeared on behalf of the appellant as the respondent and his counsel has appeared for effecting compromise. I am of the opinion that the appellant is not ready for effecting compromise, so the counsel has not appeared. It



has come to my notice that on 02.12.2021, the compensation to the tune of 20% has been awarded.

However, it is the duty of the appellant to put in appearance in person or through counsel, but the appellant has not put in appearance. As such, in view of the law titled as “Surinder Singh Deswal and others versus State of Haryana and another 2019(4) RCR, Criminal 801”, the Court is left with no option except to cancel the order of suspension of sentence. Accordingly, order of suspension of sentence of appellant stands cancelled. Bail bonds and surety bonds stands forfeited in favour of State. Let N.B.W of appellant be issued for 02.05.2022.

*Sd/-
Presiding Officer-cum
Additional Sessions Judge,
Sangrur UID-PB-00180.*

Dated: 12.03.2022.”

4. A perusal of the afore-said order shows that the file was taken up in National Lok Adalat and not by the regular Court. The revisionist who was appellant before the Appellate Court did not appear in the Lok Adalat for entering into the compromise and the impugned order was passed whereby the order of suspension of sentence was recalled and his arrest warrants were issued. However, in my considered opinion, the Presiding Officer of the Lok Adalat had no authority to cancel the bail and to recall the order of suspension of sentence and it is only the regular Court/ Appellate Court which could have passed this order.

5. In view of the above, the revision petition is allowed and the impugned order dated 12.03.2022 is set aside and the petitioner is ordered to be



released on bail afresh on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Court concerned.

(Yashvir Singh Rathor)
Judge

February 12, 2026
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Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No