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AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-13981-2026
Date of Decision:13.03.2026

Amandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Piyush Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner (through V.C.).

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. Challenge in the present petition is to the order dated 19.01.2026 (Annexure P-4) passed by the Ld. Judge, Special Court, Ferozepur in FIR No.73 dated 12.07.2019 u/s 21/22 of the NDPS Act (Sections 420/465/468/471/120-B IPC, added later on) PS Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur, vide which application moved by the petitioner for exemption from personal appearance was dismissed. Resultantly, his bail was cancelled, bail/surety bonds were forfeited to the State and his(P) presence was sought to be procured through NBWs.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that absence of the petitioner was not intentional but was on account of some unavoidable reason; there being no intention to disobey the orders of the Court. It is further the submission of learned counsel that a lenient view be taken in favour of the petitioner as he is ready to immediately surrender and undertakes to regularly appear before the Court concerned. With this backdrop, it has been prayed that

the order dated 19.01.2026 (Annexure P-4) be set aside.

3. Heard. Documents on record perused.

4. This Court in CRM-M-36490-2022, titled as *Major Singh vs. State of Punjab, decided on 15.09.2022*, while considering the *bonafide* of the petitioner and finding the reason for his absence justified, set aside the order issuing non-bailable warrants. In *CRM-M-38277-2022, Surjit Singh vs. State of Punjab, dated 26.08.2022* and *CRM-M-39000-2022, titled as Raghav vs. State of Punjab, decided on 09.09.2022*, the orders whereby non-bailable warrants were issued on account of his non-appearance, were set aside on the ground that the same was on account of having noted down the wrong date and failure of his counsel in not intimating the same.

Moreover, the primary purpose of issuing a non-bailable warrant is to secure the appearance of the accused, especially when they fail to appear after being served summons or if they are likely to abscond. Courts issue NBWs as a last resort, after first attempting to secure attendance through summons and bailable warrants.

5. In the interest of justice, considering the facts and circumstances of the case and judgments referred hereinabove, the impugned order dated 19.01.2026 (Annexure P-4) passed by the Ld. Judge, Special Court, Ferozepur, is set aside. Petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to appear before the Court concerned on or before 10.04.2026, the date already fixed. In case, he surrenders before the court concerned within a period mentioned above, he be released on bail subject to his furnishing fresh bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate/Trial Court concerned. Petitioner is also directed to furnish an undertaking by way of an affidavit that he will appear on each and every date of hearing before the

trial Court, unless specifically exempted by the Court. He shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court. The trial Court may impose any other condition that it may deem appropriate in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

6. Before parting with this order, it is made abundantly clear that in case the petitioner does not adhere to the aforesaid, the present petition shall be deemed to have been dismissed without any reference to this Court.

13.03.2026
Parveen kumar

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

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