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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 27.05.2026

Raj Kumar alias Bhola

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 528 BNSS, 2023 seeking setting aside of impugned order dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure P-1) passed by learned Judge, Special Court, Mansa in case bearing No.NDPS-221-2020 titled 'State Vs. Raj Kumar and another', arising out of FIR No.170 dated 01.12.2019 registered under Sections 22, 61, 29 and 85 of the NDPS Act, at P.S. Bareta, District Mansa, whereby, the bail of the petitioner has been cancelled and his bail bonds/surety bonds have been forfeited to the State followed by issuance of non-bailable warrants.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was on bail and was regularly appearing before learned trial Court. However, on 13.03.2026, the petitioner could not appear before the trial Court due to sudden severe pain in his lower abdomen and also could not inform his counsel. Subsequently vide order dated 13.03.2026, learned trial Court cancelled the bail

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of the petitioner and his non-bailable warrants were issued.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that non-appearance of the petitioner was not deliberate or intentional and thus, aggrieved by the said order, he has approached this Court by way of instant petition. It is contended that the impugned order is liable to be set aside on the ground of unintentional non-appearance of the petitioner.

4. It is also submitted that the petitioner undertakes to appear before the trial Court on each and every date.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Mr. Jasjit Singh Rattu, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the respondent-State and submits that the impugned order has been passed on the sole ground of the absence of the petitioner, however, it is not disputed by him that petitioner was already on bail and had been appearing before the trial Court.

7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance and with the consent of parties, the matter is taken up for final disposal.

8. Whether the default on the part of the accused is intentional or unintentional depends on facts of each case. In the present case, the petitioner did not appear on 13.03.2026 before the learned Trial Court and ultimately on 13.03.2026 itself his bail was cancelled, bail bonds were forfeited to State followed by issuance of non-bailable warrants. By filing the present petition, the petitioner has shown his intention to submit before the learned Trial Court.

9. The sole purpose of issuance of bailable/non-bailable warrants is to secure presence of the accused before the trial Court. The petitioner in the

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present case has himself come forward and has undertaken to appear before the trial Court on each and every date.

10. Considering the totality of circumstances, this Court is of the view that the petitioner can be directed to appear before the trial Court, so that trial may resume. Accordingly, plea of the petitioner is accepted. Impugned order dated 13.03.2026 is set aside to the extent of cancellation of bail and issuance of non-bailable warrants only, and he is directed to be released on bail, in the eventuality of surrender by him before the trial Court within two weeks from today.

11. The petitioner shall also furnish fresh bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court. Besides, petitioner will also submit an undertaking/affidavit that he will keep appearing during the proceedings of the trial in future and the proceedings will not be delayed because of his conduct.

12. It is made clear that in case, petitioner fails to appear before the trial Court within a stipulated period, this order shall be deemed to be vacated.

13. With aforementioned terms, present petition stands disposed of.

(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE

27.05.2026
D.Bansal

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