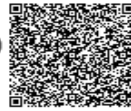


IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:125590



233 CRM-M-39598-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.09.2025.

Vikas Singh ...Petitioner.
Versus
State of Punjab ...Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

Present: Mr. K.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Pandher, AAG, Punjab.

SUKHVINDER KAUR, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.117 dated 18.10.2019, under Section 379-B/ 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station Khilchian, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that after granting of bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, he was regularly appearing in the Court. However, the petitioner absented from the Court on 08.05.2024 due to wrong noting down of date and his bail bonds and surety bonds were cancelled and he was declared proclaimed offender vide order dated 20.11.2024. The petitioner was re-arrested on 15.02.2025 and since then he is in judicial custody. He urged that as trial of the case is likely to take time, therefore, the petitioner be granted concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel has opposed the petition and submitted that the petitioner had absented from the Court and was ultimately declared proclaimed offender. As the petitioner has already misused the concession of bail granted to him earlier, therefore, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

The petitioner was granted bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar on 27.11.2019 and he was regularly appearing in the Court. The petitioner absented from the Court on 08.05.2024 and his bail bonds and surety bonds were cancelled and he was declared proclaimed offender vide order dated 20.11.2024 and was re-arrested on 15.02.2025 and since then he is in custody. The absence of the petitioner does not seem to be intentional and it has been alleged that it was due to wrong noting of the date. Conclusion of trial is likely to take time, so no useful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind the bars.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail, on furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of concerned learned trial Judge/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

Keeping in view the fact that earlier the petitioner had been declared proclaimed offender, the trial Court should impose the conditions as per its satisfaction so as to ensure his presence.

However, nothing observed herein above shall be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case. The observations recorded above are only for the purpose of deciding the present bail petition.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

11.09.2025.

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