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2025:PHHC:026882



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

**CRM-M-10166-2025**

Date of decision: 25.02.2025

Varinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. V. K. Sandhir, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The petitioner, under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, is seeking quashing of order dated 18.04.2024 (Annexure P-6) passed by learned Judge, Special Court, Amritsar, vide which, the bail of the petitioner has been cancelled and his bail bonds and surety bonds have been forfeited to the State and non-bailable warrant of arrest has been issued against him in case FIR No.173, dated 05.11.2018, under Section 22/61 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Kamboj, Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to sickness, the petitioner could not appear before the trial Court on 27.07.2023 and even he did not inform his counsel. His non-appearance was neither intentional nor deliberate. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to appear and surrender before the trial Court, however, he be protected till his appearance before the trial Court and directions be given to the trial Court that

his bail application, which he would be filing on his surrender, be decided expeditiously.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The petitioner is to appear and surrender before the trial Court on or before 28.02.2025. Till then, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioner. This is contingent upon the petitioner paying a cost of Rs.20,000/- to be deposited with the District Legal Services Authority concerned.

6. It is made clear that in case, the petitioner fails to surrender before the trial Court within the stipulated period, this order shall be of no avail to him, thereafter. In case, on appearance and surrender, the petitioner moves an application for bail, the trial Court shall make earnest efforts to decide it expeditiously, in accordance with law.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

**February 25, 2025**

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No