

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

**CRM-M No. 41857 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: 07.08.2015.**

Shavinder Singh Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NAVITA SINGH

Present:- Mr. Jagjit Gill, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Pannu, DAG, Punjab, for the respondent.

NAVITA SINGH, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been moved by the petitioner under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 175 dated 08.11.2014, under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Recovery of 1.25 kilograms of opium was made from the car which was found by the police lying in the ditches. Also from the car, driving licence relating to the present petitioner was found. During investigation, it came to light that the vehicle, i.e. Car No. PB-46D-2548, was purchased by the petitioner from one Gurpreet Singh, who had earlier purchased it from the previous owner and the car was initially traceable to Ravinder Kumar son of Wasu Dev of Tarn Taran, as owner.

At this stage, the petitioner has no explanation as to why his car was found abandoned along with his driving licence therein. He being

the owner of the car has to have a valid explanation, even though he is now desirous of taking advantage of the fact that he was not found present at the spot.

In view of the above, no ground for grant of anticipatory bail is made out.

Dismissed.

(NAVITA SINGH)
JUDGE

07.08.2015
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