

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

**CRM-M No.534 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.02.2016**

Hardeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Laghuinder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S.Randhawa, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Pawan Kumar.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to the petitioner-Hardeep Singh in case FIR No. 290 dated 12.10.2015, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City Sangrur, Distt.Sangrur.

As per allegations in the FIR, 270 intoxicating tablets were recovered from the person of Rachhpal Singh on 12.10.2015 and on his disclosure statement, it was revealed that he had bought the same from one Tarlok Kumar and the present petitioner-Hardeep Singh, who is working with co-accused Gaurav Ahuja of Lalit Medical Hall.

It was contended that the petitioner is mere employee of said Medical Hall and there is no material connecting the petitioner with the alleged offence and that he is not involved in any other case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Pawan Kumar, concedes that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the above, interim protection/pre-arrest bail granted by this Court, vide order dated 08.01.2016, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

February 23, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**