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

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Date of Decision: 23.08.2017

Pankaj Chopra @ Bunty

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S.Virk, DAG, Haryana.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Pankaj Chopra @ Bunty has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.78 dated 13.06.2017, registered at Police Station Guhla, District Kaithal, under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion was issued in this case. Learned State counsel has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

From the record, I find that recovery of 15 grams of smack has already been effected from co-accused. The allegation against the present petitioner is that he ran away from the spot.

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In pursuance of the interim order dated 05.07.2017 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation. He is now not required for custodial interrogation. Therefore, no useful purpose will be served by sending him to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 05.07.2017, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

23.08.2017

parveen kumar

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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