

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 27824 of 2017(O&M)

Date of decision : 13.10.2017

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Baldev Singh

.....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. S. Madaan

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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H. S. Madaan, J. (Oral)

This application for regular bail has been filed by the petitioner Baldev Singh – an accused in FIR No. 43 dated 20.3.2017 for offences under Section 18/29/61/85 of NDPS act, 1985 registered with Police Station Sadar Patiala, District Patiala.

Briefly stated, the facts of the case as per prosecution story are that on 20.3.2017, a police party from Police Station Sadar, Patiala, had intercepted a car bearing registration No. PB-11BB-1225, in the area of village Panjeta. Rikramjit Singh @ Rinku and

Jagdeep Singh were found to be travelling in that car. On being searched, 3 kgs of opium was recovered. Formal FIR was registered. The case was investigated. Name of Baldev Singh cropped up from statements of the witnesses. As such he was arrested in this case on 25.3.2017 under Section 29 of the NDPS Act. He had moved an application for regular bail before the Court of Sessions, which was dismissed by Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala vide order dated 1.5.2017, as such he has approached this Court asking for similar relief.

Notice of petition was given to the State.

I have heard counsel for the petitioner, learned State counsel, besides going through the record and I find that no ground to grant bail to the petitioner is made out.

Drugs are taking a heavy toll on the youth of this area and things have already acquired alarming proportion. The drug traffickers for small pecuniary advantage do not hesitate to play with lives of youth of the region. In this case, 3 kgs of opium, which is a huge quantity and amounts to commercial quantity had been recovered from the co-accused of the petitioner. During the investigation it transpired that petitioner was the person, who had been supplying the drugs. Such type of persons have to be dealt with sternly. Bar of Section 37 of the Act is also there. In that way, there is likelihood of the petitioner absconding and tampering with the prosecution evidence and for that matter indulging in drug trafficking again, if granted bail.

Therefore, no ground for grant of regular bail to the petitioner is made out.

The petition stands dismissed accordingly.

(H.S. Madaan)
Judge

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	Whether reportable	Yes / No