

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

CRM -M-44992 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.03.2017

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Sahil Puri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Harsimrat Rai, DAG, Punjab.

Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)

By filing the present petition, under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has sought regular bail in FIR No. 57 dated 07.05.2014, registered under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Kotwali, District Kapurthala.

It is contended that petitioner is a retired *jawan* from army and presently serving as a guard with the State of Punjab in Central Jail, Jalandhar at Kapurthala. As per the case of the petitioner, certain officials of the jail are involved in getting the contraband smuggled inside the jail. The petitioner being a conscious person tried to restrain the authorities which is cause of his false implication in the present FIR. He refers to Annexure P-3, the cross examination of ASI Gurdev Singh who has specifically stated that possibility of false implication of the accused by

the senior officers by planting the said tablets cannot be ruled out. The is in custody since 18.02.2015.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail application.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

Considering the above and the antecedents of the petitioner, without adverting to the merits of the instant case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail during the pendency of trial, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Anything said herein above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

08.03.2017

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No