

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

CRM-M-15317-2018

Date of decision: - 08.05.2018

Ranjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Atul Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amitoj Singh Dhaliwal, DAG, Punjab

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.25 dated 16.01.2018, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act') registered at Police Station Sadar Ludhiana, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner confines his prayer for granting interim bail to the petitioner till the receipt of the chemical examiner report in above-said FIR. It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 16.01.2018 and till date report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has not been submitted on account of non-receipt of chemical examiner

report. It is further submitted that no other case is pending against the petitioner under the provisions of NDPS Act.

The above factual aspect is duly acknowledged by learned State counsel.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has cited the Division Bench judgment of this Court i.e. **Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others Versus State of Punjab, 2014(3) RCR (Criminal) 953** in support of his contention that in such an eventuality interim bail is to be granted to the accused.

Under the above circumstances and keeping in view the ratio of the **Inderjeet Singh's case** (supra) the present petition is disposed of with a direction that the petitioner be released on interim bail, subject to the satisfaction of learned trial Court / Duty Magistrate, Ludhiana. It is clarified that the interim bail will come to an end automatically, the moment report from Chemical Examiner is received in the trial Court and the petitioner would be liable to surrender in the Court forthwith.

May 08, 2018
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether reportable?	No
Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes