

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-48861-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.11.2018

Balwinder Singh @ Ladda

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kuldip Singh

Present: Mr. Divjyot S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG Punjab

- 1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?*
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not ?*
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Kuldip Singh, J. (Oral)

Heard.

As per allegations levelled in the FIR, on receiving secret information that a truck from Jammu and Kashmir is bringing poppy husk by hiding the same under the boxes of Apples, for sale to a customer Balwinder Singh @ Ladda and some other persons. Police conducted the raid. The present petitioner fled away from the spot. 24 bags of poppy husk were however recovered from the truck.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it was dark and the petitioner was not identified. Therefore, it cannot be said that the petitioner was involved in the crime. Moreover, no recovery was effected from the petitioner.

I am of the view that at the first instance, it is a case pertaining to commercial quantity and secondly, 24 bags of poppy husk were brought

from Jammu and Kashmir to Punjab for sale in different villages.

In these circumstances, free hand is required to be given to the police to thoroughly investigate the matter and have the custodial interrogation of all those involved in the matter so as to curb the supply of narcotics in the State of Punjab.

No ground is made out to grant anticipatory bail.

Resultantly, the present petition stands dismissed.

16.11.2018

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(Kuldip Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No