

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9660-2018(O&M)
Date of Decision: 15.03.2018

Sandeep Sood

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, A.A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C praying for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.7 dated 18.1.2018 under section 32 of N.D.P.S Act, sections 345, 420, 34 (offence under section 21 of N.D.P.S Act was added later on), registered at Police Station, Sadar Rupnagar.

FIR came to be registered in pursuance to a joint checking conducted of Jeewan Jyot Rehabilitation Centre by Deputy Commissioner, Rupnagar, Civil Surgeon, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Deputy Medical Commissioner and Multipurpose Health Supervisor (Male).

Allegedly recovery of certain intoxicating drugs and other medicines was effected.

Counsel for the petitioner would vehemently contend that the present petitioner has no dealings with such rehabilitation centre and he has been implicated only on the basis of a disclosure statement of the co-accused. Counsel further submits that the petitioner otherwise is a resident of Shimla (H.P.).

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length, this Court is not inclined to extend in favour of the petitioner concession of pre-arrest bail.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Davinder Kumar would submit that statements of a number of inmates of the centre were recorded and as per such statements present petitioner was also part of the team managing the affairs of the centre. It has further gone uncontroverted that Jeewan Jyot Rehabilitation Centre did not carry any license/authorization to operate.

In the considered view of this Court, it is a case where a deep and thorough probe would be required and which may well entail custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

Petition is dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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