

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-660 of 2020

Date of Decision :20.07.2020

Narinder SinghPetitioner

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Ms. Manpreet Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Prayer in the petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.68 dated 30.10.2019, registered under Sections 21, 22, 25 & 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Thulliwal, District Barnala.

3. Learned Counsel for the petitioner contends that vide order dated 28.05.2020, the Court while adjourning the case for 20.07.2020, directed the petitioner to join investigation as and when required and to fully co-operate in the investigation of the case and further in the event of his

satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to compliance with the conditions as stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

4. However, the petitioner did not join investigation in terms of order dated 28.05.2020 and subsequently moved CRM No.14619 of 2020 for preponing the date of hearing from 20.07.2020 to some early date. The same was allowed vide order dated 02.07.2020 while granting interim protection and one more opportunity to the petitioner to join investigation within a week.

5. Learned AAG, Punjab, on instructions from SI, Satpal Singh, states that pursuant to the order of this Court dated 28.05.2020, the petitioner joined investigation on 18.07.2020 and was released on ad interim bail and that his custodial interrogation is not required in the case.

6. In view of the position as noted above, order dated 02.07.2020, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall comply with the conditions envisaged in Section 438(2) Cr. P.C.

(B.S. Walia)

Judge

20.07.2020

Rajneesh/Amit