

CRM-M-12642 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision :16.07.2020

Jaswinder SinghPetitioner

versus

State of PunjabRespondent

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

Present: Mr. Vidit Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.
2. Prayer in the petition under Section 438, Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.24 dated 05.02.2020 registered under Section 18 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar.
3. Learned Senior DAG, Punjab, on instructions from ASI Balwinder Singh, contends that vide order dated 21.05.2020, while issuing notice, the petitioner was directed to appear before the Investigating/Arresting Officer and to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, the Investing/Arresting Officer was directed to release the petitioner on *ad interim* bail, while the petitioner was directed to abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
4. Learned Senior DAG Punjab states that pursuant to the order of this Court dated 21.05.2020, the petitioner joined investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required in the case, besides challan in the case has also been filed.
5. In view of the position as noted above, order dated 21.05.2020, granting ad-interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
6. However, nothing said in this order shall be taken as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

16.07.2020