

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

CRM-M-14156-2020

Date of Decision :07.07.2020

Inderjeet Singh

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Rahul Rampal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Sr. 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 439 of Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.136 dated 17.04.2020, registered at Police Station City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur for offence punishable under Sections 22/61 NDPS Act, 1985 and Sections 52-A and 42 of Prisons Act, 1894 and in the alternative, for grant of interim bail till the receipt of report from Forensic Science Laboratory.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in judicial lock-up since 17.04.2020 on account of recovery of 32 grams of alleged intoxicating powder but the Forensic Science Laboratory report of the same is still awaited and it will be a debatable issue as to whether the alleged recovery from the petitioner is of

counsel relies upon the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in case titled as **Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi v. State of Punjab, 2014 (3) RCR (Crl.) 953** to contend that till the receipt of report of the Forensic Science Laboratory, the petitioner is entitled to be released on interim bail.

4. Learned Sr. DAG, Punjab has not disputed that the Forensic Science Laboratory report has not been received till date or that the decision of the Division Bench of this Court in Inderjeet Singh's case (Supra) is not applicable in the facts and circumstances of the case.

5. Accordingly, in view of the decision of the Division Bench of this Court in Inderjeet Singh's case (Supra), the prayer for grant of interim bail to the petitioner is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail till the furnishing of the report of Forensic Science Laboratory subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the learned CJM/Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned and subject to the condition that he is not required in any other case besides would surrender before the learned trial Court as and when the report of Forensic Science Laboratory is furnished.

6. However, nothing stated hereinabove would be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

7. Petition allowed in the aforementioned terms.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

07.07.2020

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