

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****201****CRM-M-18133-2020****Date of Decision: 04.12.2020**

Pardeep Pal Singh Sodhi @ Pardeep Pal Singh ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. B.S.Bhalla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. AG, Punjab.

*(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)***GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)**

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.58 dated 31.03.2018 at Police Station Moga City, District Moga, under Sections 21, 22 of the NDPS Act and Section 25 of the Arms Act, (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added later on).
2. It is the case of prosecution that three persons namely Sukhwinder Singh @ Sukha, Rajwinder Singh @ Raju and Parminder Singh @ Dhani were apprehended by the police from whom intoxicating powder containing alprazolam salt and a pistol alongwith two cartridges was recovered. The petitioner came to be nominated as an accused on the basis of disclosure statement made by aforesaid three accused and on account of which Section 29 of NDPS Act came to be added after about two years of lodging of the FIR.

3. The learned State counsel has informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court on 09.07.2020, the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.
4. Having regard to the facts and circumstances as stated above, especially that the petitioner was never arrested at the spot and nor any recovery was ever effected from him and has already joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, the petition, as such, is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 09.07.2020 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**Whether reportable: **Yes/No**