

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

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CRM-M-27103-2020

Date of decision : 12.10.2020.

Amrish Thapar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. A.P.S. Deol, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Amandeep Singh Jattana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0106 dated 16.07.2020, under Sections 420, 380, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 22/29/25/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City Khanna-II, Police District Khanna, Revenue District Ludhiana.

Learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner contends that the FIR has been lodged by a doctor, who is running an Ortho Centre, with the allegations that Chlordiazepoxide tablets had been supplied in a sealed carton through courier though he had not placed any such order. It is alleged that the petitioner, who is a medical representative, had stolen their letter pad and placed the order by forging their signatures. Learned senior counsel, however, contends that the allegations are improbable inasmuch as the petitioner is only a medical representative and is not working in the premises of the complainant

where consignment was received two days prior to the registration of the FIR

and on the basis of the order placed by the Ortho Clinic run by the complainant. He also contends that it is alleged that 10000 tablets of Chlordiazepoxide containing 10 mg each were recovered, the total weight of which would come to 100 grams, which is below the threshold of 500 grams as commercial quantity. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

This Court, by the order dated 10.09.2020, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Labh Singh, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner having joined investigation and the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 10.09.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 12, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No