

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

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CRM-M-38929-2020

Date of decision : 18.12.2020

SATNAM SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Kanwalpreet Singh Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, DAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 241 dated 24.10.2020, under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act' - for short) (Sections 29, 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Ismailabad, District Kurukshetra.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and no recovery has been effected from him. He has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused, namely, Tarsem Kumar from whom 8 kilogram of poppy husk was recovered. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

This Court, by the order dated 25.11.2020, 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 ASI Satwinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 25.11.2020 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

December 18, 2020

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No