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

**CRM No.4677 of 2020 in/and
CRM-M No.37358 of 2019
Date of Decision : 06.02.2020**

Ankit Chhatwal

.....Applicant/Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. J.S. Bedi, Senior Advocate assisted by
Mr. P.S. Bhandari, Advocate
for the Applicant/Petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab
for the Respondent/State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

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For the reasons mentioned in the application, the Applicant/
Petitioner is permitted to place on record copy of Application for
judicial remand of co-accused, namely, Pritpal Singh Batra (Annexure
P-7), subject to all just exceptions.

Application stands disposed off.

CRM-M No.37358 of 2019

The instant Petition has been filed under Section 438 of the
Code of Criminal Procedure seeking Anticipatory Bail in case FIR
No.62, dated 08.07.2019, registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the

ND&PS Act, 1985, at Police Station Kotwali Nabha, District Patiala.

2. Heard.

3. Admittedly, no recovery was ever made from the Petitioner directly. He has been implicated by the disclosure statement of co-accused, namely, Pritpal Singh Batra. However, the contraband of the concerned quantity i.e. 1101 intoxicant tablets of ACTODOL-SR, allegedly passed on by the Petitioner to the co-accused, is admitted to have been sold by the Manufacturers in Haridwar, Uttarakhand to one Ritu Saxena wife of Raghuwindra Kumar Saxena of Haridwar, as could be ascertained from the Batch Number of the said contraband, which has been specifically mentioned in Para Nos.4 and 5 of the Reply filed on behalf of the Respondent/State. *Prima facie* there is no linkage of the said contraband having reached the present Petitioner in the normal course.

4. Other co-accused, namely, Manpreet Singh, through whom the Petitioner is alleged to have supplied the contraband, has already been granted Anticipatory Bail by a Co-ordinate Bench in CRM-M No.37631 of 2019, on 12.12.2019

5. In such circumstances, custodial interrogation of the Petitioner, at this stage, would not be required.

6. For the aforesaid reasons, in the event of arrest, the present Petitioner, namely Ankit Chhatwal, is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer till submission of report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Challan). He shall continue to join investigation and shall furnish an undertaking that he shall abide by the conditions specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.. Thereafter, the Petitioner will be permitted to furnish bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court.

February 06, 2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No