

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-43825-2019

Date of Decision: 19.02.2020

Jagtar Singh

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.141 dated 27.08.2019 under Section 22 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Fatehgarh Sahib, District Fatehgarh Sahib. He apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police in the above said FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 16.10.2019 whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged contraband was recovered from co-accused, namely, Sukhdev Singh @ Sukha and on the basis of the disclosure suffered by the said accused, the petitioner was indicted in the present case. He submits that in the given facts, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be required.

Notice of motion for 19.02.2020.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel who is assisted by ASI Sukhwinder Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and states that he is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 16.10.2019 is made absolute.

19.02.2020
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No