

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

**CRM-M No. 1017 of 2021
Date of decision: 11.01.2021**

Neki Ram Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Vikas Bishnoi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana, for the respondent.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 578 dated 05.12.2020, under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act' - for short), registered at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is neither named in the FIR nor any recovery has been effected from him. He has been arraigned as an accused on the basis of statement of co-accused from whom recovery of 1.5 kilograms of poppy husk was effected. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent. He contends that in view of the

gravity of the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and in view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, the petitioner is directed to appear before the investigating officer within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and on his doing so, he shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting/investigating officer till submission of report under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ('Cr.P.C.' - for short). The petitioner shall continue to join investigation and shall furnish an undertaking that he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C. Thereafter, he will be permitted to furnish regular bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

11.01.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No