

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

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CRM-M-3038-2021

Date of decision : 17.08.2021.

Harmel Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Brijeshwar Singh Bhalla, 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. 02 dated 02.01.2021, under Sections 21-C and 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been named in the FIR on the basis of secret information and there is no *prima facie* material that he is involved in the instant case wherein three co-accused were arrested on the spot along with intoxicant tablets. He also contends that the petitioner is 65 years of age.

This Court, by order dated 24.03.2021 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 Balwinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 24.03.2021 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

August 17, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No