IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

205 **CRM-M-3180-2021**
Date of decision : 25.11.2021.

Devender Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Brijeshwara Singh Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karambir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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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 although the petitioner is named in the FIR but the co-accused, from whom recovery of intoxicant tablets is effected, has been arrested. Besides the statement of the co-accused, there is no *prima facie* material to connect the petitioner with the commission of the offence.

This Court, by order dated 17.08.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join 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.

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Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Tasvir 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 17.08.2021 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)
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No

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