

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-7461-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 27.08.2021

PREET @ JAANPAL @ PALI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Chanchal K. Singla, 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. 21 dated 24.01.2021, under Sections 15, 61, 85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Patran, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although the petitioner has been named in the FIR on the basis of secret information, but the prosecution story qua the involvement of the petitioner is highly improbable, as it is alleged that the petitioner had run away while co-accused, who was in the car, had been apprehended. It would not be possible for the petitioner to run away in the presence of several police officials. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He further contends that the recovery of 160 kilograms of poppy husk was effected from the car and co-accused has been arrested.

This Court, by the order dated 17.02.2021, 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 ASI Rajbir Singh, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation. Status report by way of affidavit of DSP, Sub Division Patran, District Patiala has been filed which is taken on record.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 17.02.2021 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

27.08.2021.

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