

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-7454-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 19.08.2021

SURINDER PAL

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Harsh Chopra, 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. 226 dated 27.10.2020, under Section 15 (c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that 200 kilograms of poppy husk was recovered from a truck and the driver was arrested at the spot. He also contends that the driver in his first statement had named the owner as an accused and it was only in his second statement that he disclosed the name of the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

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 Krishan Lal, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above, especially when 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

19.08.2021

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