

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

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CRM-M-9916-2021

Date of decision : 15.07.2021.

Manpreet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Mahesh Dheer, 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. 0009 dated 31.01.2021, under Sections 22, 29 and 61 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act' - for short), registered at Police Station Chhajli, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that recovery of 500 Clovidol tablets (Tramadol) was effected from two co-accused. He also contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. The petitioner is 19 years of age and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

This Court, by order dated 03.03.2021 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 ASI Jagtar 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 03.03.2021 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

July 15, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No