

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(202)

CRM-M-8423-2020

Date of Decision : August 12, 2021

Mandeep Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0196 dated 14.12.2019 registered under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Gharinda, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined investigation in terms of order passed by this Court dated 27.02.2020. Order dated 27.02.2020 is as under:-

“Submits inter alia that there was no direct recovery effected from the petitioner and his name has transpired from the disclosure statement of co-accused Harjeet Singh, from whom, the contraband was allegedly recovered.

Notice of motion for 10.07.2020.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the petitioner by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, he shall be released on interim bail subject to the following conditions:-

1. That he shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

2. That he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer and;

3. That he shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.”

Learned State counsel, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, on instructions from ASI Davinder Pal Singh, states that in terms of the order of this Court reproduced before, the petitioner has joined the investigation and no further interrogation is required at this stage.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes that petitioner will join investigation and also cooperate with the investigating agency in case he is required for the same in future as well.

In view of the above, the order dated 27.02.2020 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.

In case at any given point of time hereinafter, it is felt by the investigating agency that petitioner is required for the investigation but is not cooperating, they will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petition stands disposed of.

August 12, 2021

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No