

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

CRM-M-11968-2021

Date of decision:-12.7.2021

Manpreet Singh alias Ravi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S.MADAAN

Present: Mr.G.S. Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.J.S. Ghuman, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. MADAAN, J.

Case taken up through video conferencing.

This petition for grant of interim bail for a period of two months for his medical treatment has been filed by petitioner – Manpreet Singh alias Ravi, aged about 28 years, an accused in FIR No.151 dated 22.7.2020, under Sections 420, 379-B IPC, P.S. Jodhewal, Ludhiana, since according to him he is suffering from HIC and HCV positive disease and undergoing treatment in Central Jail, Ludhiana.

Notice of the petition was given to State, which has filed written reply in the form of affidavit of ACP(North), Ludhiana contending that petitioner is involved in seven more criminal cases as per details below:

- (i) FIR No.36 dated 28.3.2017, under Section 379-B IPC, PS PAU, Ludhiana.
- (ii) FIR No.307 dated 30.8.2017, under Sections 379-B, 411, 120-B IPC, P.S. Focal Point, Ludhiana.
- (iii) FIR No.209 dated 11.12.2017, P.S. Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.
- (iv) FIR No.31 dated 24.1.2018, under Sections 365, 379 IPC, P.S. Division No.5, Ludhiana.
- (v) FIR No.175 dated 25.7.2019, under Sections 419, 420, 170 IPC, P.S. Salem Tabri, Ludhiana.
- (vi) FIR No.140 dated 30.7.2020, under Sections 419, 420, 170 IPC, PS Focal Point, Ludhiana.
- (vii) FIR No.277 dated 10.12.2020, under Sections 420 and 170 IPC. P.S. Moti Nagar, Ludhiana.

Thus the petitioner/accused comes out to be a habitual criminal. It has been mentioned in the written reply that a similar petition for regular bail filed on behalf of the petitioner/accused had been dismissed by Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana vide order dated 24.2.2021 observing that proper medical treatment is being provided to the petitioner as per the medical report received from the Jail and as such no ground is made out for grant of regular bail to the petitioner. In the written reply, there is reference to medical report bearing No.398 dated 23.2.2021 issued by Medical Officer, Central Jail, Ludhiana informing that petitioner/accused is being given medication as advised by specialist doctor and is being referred for check up at higher centres as and when

needed for management of his ailment. In terms of Annexure R1, which is medical report of the petitioner signed by ACP North, Ludhiana and Medical Officer, Central, Ludhiana addressed to Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana, it has been stated that Manpreet Singh is a known case of Opioid Dependence, HIV and HCV positive for which he is getting treatment from OOAT Centre at Central Jail, Ludhiana and is on ART and HCV treatment from Civil Hospital, Ludhiana. It is also mentioned that the patient was sent to Civil Hospital, Ludhiana on 1.2.2021 from where he was referred to PGIMER, Chandigarh for further investigation. The patient was admitted in PGIMER, Chandigarh on 18.2.2021 up to 19.2.2021 when he was diagnosed to have internal hemorrhoids and presently he is under treatment at Jail Hospital and is being given medications as advised by specialist doctor and he has been referred for check up at higher centers as and when needed for management of his ailment.

Thus no deficiency in the treatment being given to the petitioner by jail authorities is found to be there. No case is made out for grant of interim bail to the petitioner to undergo treatment from some private medical institute when proper medical treatment is being provided to him by the jail authorities.

Therefore, the petition stands dismissed.

12.7.2021
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(H.S.MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No