

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-14987-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: October 13, 2021**

AMRITPAL SINGH

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Anupreet S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.0163 dated 12.12.2020, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act' - for short) (Section 29 of the NDPS Act was added later on), registered at Police Station Special Task Force, District STF Wing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that neither the petitioner is named in the FIR nor any recovery has been effected from him. He has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused from whom Tramadol tablets of commercial quantity were allegedly recovered. He also contends that besides the statement of co-accused there is no other *prima facie* material which would connect the petitioner with the alleged commission of offence. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

This Court, by the order dated 10.09.2021, 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, on instructions from SI Gurinder, states that the petitioner had been arrested in another FIR i.e. FIR No.70 dated 26.06.2021.

In view of the statement of the learned State counsel that the petitioner has been arrested in another FIR, this petition stands disposed of at this stage.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 13, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No