

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

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**CRM-M-14487-2021 (O&M)
Date of Order:01.04.2021**

HAKIKAT RAI SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Swarn Tiwana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The petitioner prays for an interim bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.7, dated 22.03.2018, registered under Section 18/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station STF, SAS Nagar, District SAS Nagar, on account of serious health issues.

The first bail application filed by the petitioner was dismissed on 03.11.2020 with the following order:-

“The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.7, dated 22.03.2018, registered under Sections 18/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station STF, SAS Nagar, District SAS Nagar.

As per the case of the prosecution, three accused including the petitioner were apprehended with 15 Kg opium. The petitioner is a retired Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, has informed the Court that the trial of the case has already commenced and the deposition of substantial number of prosecution witnesses has been examined, although, learned counsels are at variance with regard to the exact number of prosecution witnesses already examined.

Be that as it may. Keeping in view the facts of the case, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, the present petition is dismissed.

However, learned trial Court is requested to expedite the of the case. ”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody for more than 3 years and he is suffering from cancer.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Bench is not inclined to grant interim bail.

Dismissed.

However, the Jail Superintendent is directed to ensure that necessary medical facilities are extended to the petitioner without fail.

April 01, 2021
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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