

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

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CRM-M-13815-2021

Date of decision : 27.08.2021.

Ravinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Jagjit Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Amit Arora, 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. 363 dated 25.12.2020, under Section 22 (c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act'- for short), registered at Police Station Jhabal, District Tarn Taran.

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

This Court, by order dated 25.03.2021 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 Balbir 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 25.03.2021 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

August 27, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No