

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-20152-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: August 05, 2021**

MANJINDER SINGH ALIAS SODHI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Harkirat Singh Bhogal , Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.60 dated 29.03.2021, under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City Nawanshahar, District S.B.S. Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and it is alleged that the petitioner had run away from the spot. It is not possible for the petitioner to have run away in the presence of several police officials. The alleged recovery of 20 injections of Buprenorphine has been effected from the mother of the petitioner, who was arrested at the spot and another 35 injections are stated to have been recovered from a bag allegedly thrown by the petitioner before fleeing. He also contends that besides the statement of the mother of the petitioner, there is no *prima facie* material which would connect the petitioner with the commission of offence.

Learned State counsel has filed reply by way of an affidavit of

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar which

is taken on record. While referring to the affidavit, he contends that the petitioner is also involved in two other cases under the NDPS Act involving recovery of Buprenorphine injections.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was falsely implicated in two other cases on the disclosure statement of co-accused. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner in any case under the NDPS Act.

This Court, by the order dated 07.07.2021, 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 SI Surinder Pal, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 07.07.2021 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 05, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No