

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23716 of 2021
Date of decision: 26.07.2021

MALKIAT SINGH @ MALKIAT KHAN AND OTHERS

...PETITIONERS

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Narinder S Lucky, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sarbjit Singh Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This is a petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.17, dated 17.04.2021, registered under Sections 21 and 22 of NDPS Act 1985 (Section 25 of NDPS 1985 added later on), at Police Station Sehna, District Barnala.

As per the allegations, a secret information was received that Sandeep Singh, Jagsir Singh, Tapa and Natha Singh have formed a gang. They bring intoxicant tablets and intoxicant powder from outside and sell the same in village Sehna. They were roaming on the link roads leading towards village Sehna in search of clients so that they can sell the same. On receipt of this information a raid was conducted and Sandeep Singh and Jagsir Singh were apprehended. 330 gram white intoxicant powder was recovered from them. As per FSL report intoxicant has been found to be

Alprazolam.

It is the case of the prosecution that name of the petitioners have surfaced in the disclosure statements of the said accused. Later, the petitioners were arrested. However, no recovery was effected from them.

The investigation in the case is complete. The petitioners are in custody since 18.04.2021.

In view the above and the fact that the trial of case may take long time due to prevailing situation on account of Covid-19, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioners behind bars. Hence, petition is allowed. Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

26.07.2021

Poonam Sharma

**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: Yes/No