

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

**CRM-M-25216-2021
Date of decision: 05.07.2021**

Roop Singh alias Roopa

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. G. S. Bhatia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

(through video conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 104 dated 26.06.2019, registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner was arrested on 26.06.2019 and recovery of 900 loose intoxicant tablets was effected. Thereafter, the petitioner was released on regular bail by the trial Court on 12.09.2019. It is further submitted that thereafter, the petitioner absented from Court proceedings during outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and could not appear before the trial Court and now the the trial Court has issued arrest warrants against the petitioner.

Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is ready to surrender before the trial Court; apply for fresh bail and face the trial.

In reply, learned State counsel submits that in fact the petitioner was granted interim bail awaiting the report of Chemical Examiner with an

undertaking that he will appear before the trial Court after receipt of the report, however, he failed to appear before the trial Court and, therefore, arrest warrants have been issued against him.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and considering the fact that bail application of the petitioner was not decided on merits by the trial Court and he was granted interim bail awaiting the FSL report, the present petition is disposed of granting liberty to petitioner to surrender before the trial Court within a period of ten days from today. After doing so, in case the petitioner moves any regular bail application, the trial Court shall decide the same expeditiously, preferably within a period of two days thereafter, in accordance with law.

05.07.2021
Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>