

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

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CRM-M-32293-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.08.2021

RAVI SINGH ALIAS RAVINDER SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Ms. Manpreet Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is the second petition for grant of bail, pending trial, in a criminal case arising from FIR No.68, dated 30.10.2019, registered under Sections 21, 22, 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985, at Police Station Thuliwal, District Barnala.

The previous application filed by the petitioner was dismissed by a detailed order on 26.08.2020 which is extracted as under:-

CRM-20484-2020

Application is allowed. The hearing of the main petition i.e. CRM-M-10557-2020 is preponed and the same is taken up on the Board of this Court today itself.

CRM-M-10557-2020

The petitioner-Ravi Singh alias Ravinder Singh son of Kirpal Singh prays for grant of regular bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No. 68 dated 30.10.2019 registered under Section 21, 22, 25 & 29 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Thulliwal, District Barnala.

As per the case of the prosecution, the police had received a secret information that four persons, namely Sukhwinder Singh Sukh son of Amarjit Singh, Ravi Singh son of Pala Singh, Jinder Singh son of Harmesh Singh and Lakhvinder Singh Toti son of Gurdial Singh, who have jointly formed a group of smugglers, are bringing a consignment of intoxicant tablets and vials from the other States in their car bearing registration No. PB-1-CE-3756. When the car was stopped, Sukhwinder Singh and Lakhvinder Singh were

apprehended with 1,65,000 intoxicant tablets of CLOVIDOL 100-SR. It came to the knowledge of the Investigating Officer that the petitioner and Jinder Singh alighted from the car at Sunam.

Learned counsel for the State has submitted that after the petitioner was apprehended, another consignment of 1,44,000 intoxicant tablets was recovered on his disclosure statement. He has also informed this Court that the petitioner is also involved in another case under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in the FIR, name of Ravi Singh son of Pala Singh has been mentioned and not Ravi Singh son of Kirpal Singh. She contends that the petitioner is a different person.

Keeping in view the fact that on the disclosure statement of the petitioner, another consignment of 1,44,000 intoxicant tablets has also been recovered apart from original recovery of 1,65,000 intoxicant tablets, this Court does not find it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

Hence, the present petition is dismissed.

Learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that the prosecution has not recovered any prohibited substance from the petitioner. The argument of learned counsel is factually incorrect. In the order extracted above, it is apparent that the petitioner was subsequently apprehended with another consignment of 1,44,000 tablets containing prohibited substance. This was in addition to original recovery of 1,65,000 tablets containing prohibited substance.

Hence, no ground to grant the bail is made out.

Dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

19.08.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

JUDGE