

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

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CRM-M-38473-2021

Date of decision : 11.10.2021.

Banty Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Mikhail Kad, 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. 136 dated 16.07.2021, under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the basis of secret information and on the statement of co-accused from whom 190 tablets of Tramadol (non-commercial quantity) were allegedly recovered. He also contends that the petitioner is known as Banti while the name which has been mentioned in the secret information is Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakha Singh @ Banty. Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakha Singh was the brother of the petitioner, who had expired in the year 2014 and, therefore, the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the basis of mistaken identity. The petitioner is 22 years of age.

This Court, by order dated 16.09.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join 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 Raghwinder Pal Singh, states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but he is involved in other cases.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 16.09.2021 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

October 11, 2021
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No