

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

**CRM-M No. 38770 of 2021
Date of decision: 13.10.2021**

Harpreet Singh @ Happy

..... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab, for the respondent.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0066 dated 19.06.2021, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act' - for short) (Section 29 of the NDPS Act and Sections 77 and 78 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 were added later on), registered at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. He has been arraigned as an accused on the basis of statement of co-accused from whom 410 tablets of Tramadol (non-commercial quantity) were allegedly recovered. He also contends that besides the statement of co-accused there is no *prima facie* material which would connect the petitioner with the alleged commission of offence. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

This Court, by order dated 17.09.2021, 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 ASI Gora Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 17.09.2021 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

13.10.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No