

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

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**CRM-M-35136-2020(O&M)
Date of Order:06.09.2021**

HARMESH SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Dharam Bir Bhargav, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

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

In deference to the order dated 17.08.2021, the Director General of Police, Punjab, has filed an affidavit on the official e-mail of the Court. It has been stated that after seeking the report from the concerned Inspector General of Police, he is attaching the same for perusal of the Court.

On 17.08.2021, the following order was passed:-

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

This is the 3rd petition for grant of an anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a criminal case arising from FIR No.44, dated 04.04.2019, registered under Section 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Kotwali, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

It has been noticed that the two anticipatory bail applications have already been dismissed by this Court. Even the petitioner's Special Leave Petition was dismissed way back on 15.10.2010. It has further been noticed that as many as 53,000 intoxicating tablets containing Tramadol HCISR were recovered from the certain accused.

As per the affidavit, dated 17.04.2021, filed by Deputy Superintendent of Police, City-I, District Bathinda, the petitioner is actively involved in the offence. However, there

is no explanation as to what steps were taken by the Punjab Police during this period of 2 years and 4 months.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, let the Director General of Police, Punjab, enquire into the matter and file affidavit disclosing the details of the investigation carried out and the steps taken. It is expected that the affidavit will be filed after due care and caution.

Adjourned to 27.08.2021. ”

The aforesaid order was passed with the hope that the Director General of Police, Punjab, would take up the matter seriously with its subordinates. However, that hope stands belied.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is left with no choice but to close the matter while requesting the Director General of Police, Punjab to introspect and take remedial measures.

The petition for anticipatory bail has become infructuous as the petitioner has been arrested.

Disposed of as infructuous.

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

September 06, 2021

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

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