

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

CRM-M-47010-2021

Date of Decision: 16th November, 2021

Harinder Singh Pannu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Sanchit Punia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG, Haryana for the respondent-State.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

2. This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in FIR No. 515 dated 25.9.2021, under Sections 20 and 27 (Section 61 added later on) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Bhiwani City, District Bhiwani.

3. The brief facts are that the police on 25.9.2021, acting on a secret information, checked vehicle No. HR-16K-3868. The vehicle was driven by Vipin @ Buntty and *Ganja* weighing 6 kilograms and 800 grams was recovered from the car. In the disclosure statement, the driver disclosed that the recovered *Ganja* was purchased from Harinder Singh (petitioner), Sombir and Ravinder.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the name of the petitioner surfaced in the disclosure statement and the recovery from the co-accused is of non-commercial quantity. He further submits that co-accused Sombir Pannu was granted anticipatory bail. Petitioner is in custody since 26th September, 2021 and investigation is complete.

5. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail. She submits that petitioner is involved in another FIR lodged under the provisions of IPC.

6. The name of the petitioner is surfaced in a disclosure statement. No recovery was made from him. Considering the facts that, investigation is complete, co-accused was granted anticipatory bail by this Court, conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, the petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition is allowed.

8. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

16th November, 2021

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No