

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-2340 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision: January 28, 2022

Sahib Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.123 dated 17.09.2021, under Section 21(c) of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Jhabal, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 17.09.2021. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that FSL report is still awaited and till such time the FSL report is not being received, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on interim bail. In support of his arguments, counsel for the petitioner relies upon judgment rendered in *Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others vs. State of Punjab, 2014(3) RCR (Criminal) 953*.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, however, does not dispute the fact that FSL report is still awaited.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the judgment rendered in ***Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others vs. State of Punjab (supra)*** and that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 17.09.2021 and that FSL report is still awaited and the trial will commence only after receipt of the FSL report, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is disposed of and the petitioner is directed to be released on interim regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate, till the FSL report is received. The petitioner shall submit an undertaking before the trial court/Duty Magistrate along with his bail/surety bonds that he will surrender before the trial court on receiving the FSL report.

However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail, if the petitioner is found misusing the concession of interim bail, in any manner.

January 28, 2022
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No