

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

CRM-M-19262-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 25.08.2022

Joginder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Jitender Dhanda, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Singh Chaudhary, Addl. AG Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.134 dated 11.03.2022, registered under Sections 21, 27-A of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Hisar Civil Lines, District Hisar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been involved in the present case; that the petitioner was not arrested at the spot; that nothing was/is to be recovered from the petitioner and that the petitioner has been indicted in the present case on the basis of the disclosure statement of co-accused Renu Sethi, who along with Sukhwinder Singh, was apprehended at the spot and the alleged recovery of 210 grams *Heroin* was effected from them.

Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner has specifically been named in the disclosure statement of the co-accused and that, if granted the concession of anticipatory bail, the petitioner would indulge in similar crime again.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In the present case, co-accused Renu Sethi, who along with Sukhwinder Singh, was apprehended at the spot and the alleged recovery of 210 grams *Heroin* was effected from them and co-accused Renu Sethi, in her disclosure statement had named the petitioner.

The NDPS Act is a self-contained statute which specifically deals with menace of drugs. Stringent provisions have been provided therein for dealing with such cases. The ground that the petitioner was named in the disclosure statement in itself cannot be the sole consideration for grant of pre-arrest bail. A deeper probe is required to unearth the modus operandi and chain of supply. Further, as to whether it is a case of false implication or not, would be a subject matter of investigation.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.1005 of 2002 titled State of Haryana Vs. Samarth Kumar, decided on 20.07.2022, has held that advantage of the fact that no recovery was/is to be effected from the petitioner and that the petitioner has been indicted on the disclosure statement of the co-accused, as held in Tofan Singh Vs. State of Tamil Nadu, (2021) 4 SCC 1, can be taken into consideration while dealing with the regular bail application or at the time of final hearing after conclusion of the trial.

In view of the above, no ground is made out to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

25.08.2022
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No