

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

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CRM-M-41845-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.11.2022

Vikas Karwal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Nitin, brother-in-law of the petitioner.

ASI Sucha Singh.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.101 dated 06.08.2022 at Police Station Division No.4, Jalandhar, under Sections 379/411 IPC.
2. The case of the prosecution, in nutshell, is that on 05.08.2022, upon receipt of a secret information, the complainant Ms. Anupama Kalia, Drug Inspector accompanied by other officials of the Office of Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar conducted inspection of the premises of 'M/s D.M. Pharma', Shop No.2, Dilkhusa Market, Jalandhar; 'M/s Soni Brothers', Shop No.1, Jai Dev Market, Civil Lines, Jalandhar and 'M/s Thukral Medicos', Shop No.8, Shanker Palace, Dilkhusa Market, Jalandhar. Upon inspection of 'M/s D.M. Pharma', 5 types of medicines, which were meant for defence supply (not for sale), were recovered. Jatinder Singh is the Proprietor of the aforesaid firm i.e. 'M/s D.M. Pharma'. It is

- further the case of prosecution that during inspection one boy was sitting in the shop of 'M/s D.M. Pharma', who disclosed his name as Vikas Karwal (petitioner) and upon inquiries made from him, he stated that he used to supply the medicines meant for defence supply to 'M/s D.M. Pharma', M/s Soni Brothers' and 'M/s Thukral Medicos'. Upon checking the bag carried by aforesaid Vikas Karwal (petitioner), some more medicines meant for defence supply were recovered. Thereafter, the house of Vikas Karwal was also searched and 14 other drugs meant for defense supply (not for sale) were also recovered.
3. The petitioner was arrested on 06.08.2022 and has been in custody till today.
 4. The petitioner, as per instructions received from ASI Sucha Singh, is not stated to be involved in any other case and challan has already been presented.
 5. Having regard to the aforestated facts and circumstances of the case and while also noticing that the petitioner has a clean record and that the conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, as the same has not even commenced and as many as 10 PWs have been cited, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

07.11.2022

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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