

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

Sr. No.208-a

CRM-M-6430-2023

Date of Decision : March 27, 2023

Ranjodh Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.208, dated 22.08.2022, registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala, under Sections 21(C), 22 & 29 of NDPS Act, 1985.

The petitioner has not joined investigation pursuant to order dated 07.02.2023 and thus, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be granted another opportunity to do so. The request is being made as another FIR has also been registered against the petitioner.

The submission cannot be accepted because there is no certainty that the petitioner will be granted anticipatory bail in the other case. Assuming, that he succeeds in getting relief in the said case, still, he will not be able to join investigation on account of pendency of the present case. It is thus a catch-22 situation from which petitioner can escape only after arrest.

In view of the above, the petition is dismissed.

March 27, 2023

Ankur

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether Reportable

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Yes

No