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2023:PHHC:138203  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10156-2023 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Vinod Kumar  
...Petitioner(s)  
Versus  
State of Punjab  
...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Amaninder Preet, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

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**AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail in FIR mentioned below:-

| FIR No. | Dated                          | Police Station            | Sections                                                                                       |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17      | 7 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023 | Barnala, District Barnala | 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and 29 of NDPS Act (added later on) |

2. This Court vide order dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, stayed the arrest of the petitioner.

3. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023, interim order dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 was modified to the extent that the arrest of the petitioner is stayed subject to joining investigation.

4. Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is co-operating.

5. Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and is co-operating, the interim protection granted on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 is made absolute, subject to his joining investigation within ten days. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on bail subject to his furnishing

adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer. He is

directed to join the investigation as and when called for. He shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

6. Disposed of accordingly.
7. Since the main case has been disposed of, pending application if any is rendered infructuous.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]

JUDGE

30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned

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Yes / No
2. Whether reportable

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Yes / No