

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-18453-2023
Date of Decision: 16.08.2023

Tarsem Kumar
...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab
...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Jagtar Singh, Advocate, for
Mr. Dinesh Trehan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, AAG, Punjab.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Section/s
0229	30.11.2021	City Malout	Section 21 (b) of NDPS Act.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in the above-captioned case.
2. Upon notice and after hearing learned counsel for the State, the petitioner was directed to join investigation and was granted interim anticipatory bail vide order dated 17.04.2023.
3. Status report by way of affidavit dated Fateh Singh Brar, PPS. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, on behalf of respondent-State, has been filed in Court today. The same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhrat Singh, Police Station City Malout, submits that in pursuance to order dated 17.04.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation. It is further submitted that the petitioner is involved in two other cases under the NDPS Act, as mentioned in para 6 of the status report.

5. In view of the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 17.04.2023 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

6. However, it is made clear that this order does not, in any manner, limit or restrict the rights of police or investigating agency from further investigation as per law.

August 16, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No