

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

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2023:PHHC:100962

CRM-M-24396-2023

Date of decision: August 4th, 2023

Manjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. H.S. Sullar, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.136 dated 19.04.2022 under Sections 22(b) and 61 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'the NDPS Act') (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added lateron) registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

2. Learned State counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Faridkot, which is taken on record subject to just exceptions.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the State has, on instructions, informed the Court that the petitioner has not approached this Court with clean hands, rather he is involved in as many as seven other criminal cases which include five under the NDPS Act. It has also been brought to the notice of the Court that the petitioner has not even complied with the order dated 12.05.2023.

4. In the circumstances, this Court is not inclined to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. The petition, therefore, stands dismissed.
6. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

August 4th, 2023
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No