

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

CRM M-26799-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.08.2023

Lal Karan

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Yashveer Kharb, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kiran Pal Singh, AAG Haryana.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU. J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short “Cr.P.C”) for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.172 dated 25.03.2021, under Sections 18, 25, 27-A & 29 of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Samalkha, District Panipat.

2. Allegations in brief are that 947 gms of opium was recovered from the possession of accused Sunil & Anil. Petitioner was nominated on the basis of disclosure made by them. No recovery was effected from the petitioner.

3. This Court vide order dated 12.07.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Contends that the alleged contraband (opium), recovered from the main accused, is stated to be non-commercial and moreover, petitioner was nominated on the basis of disclosure made by co-accused Sunil. Also contends that there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel seeks time to verify the above factual position.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973."

4. Learned counsel on instructions from petitioner submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, he joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required by the Police.
5. The above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel, on instructions from quarter concerned and fairly submitted that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required at this stage.
6. In view of above, interim order dated 12.07.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
7. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.
8. The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
9. Disposed off accordingly.
10. Pending criminal misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

23.08.2023
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No