

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

CRM-M No.28633 of 2023
Date of decision: 5th June, 2023

Balwant Singh @ Satta

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. G.S. Sidhu, Advocate for
Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of interim regular bail for a period of ten days on account of marriage of his daughter, in case FIR No.157 dated 04.08.2019 under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Kapurthala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that marriage of daughter of the petitioner is to be solemnized on 07.06.2023 at village Badshapur, District Kapurthala and presence of the petitioner, being father of the bride, would be required as per the rituals and customs.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State. He has filed status report by way of an affidavit of Maninder Pal Singh,

PPS, DSP Sub Division, Kapurthala, which is taken on record and a copy therefore supplied to the counsel opposite.

5. Learned State counsel while drawing the attention of this Court to the status report filed, submits that marriage of the daughter of the petitioner is indeed to be solemnized on 07.06.2023 at village Badshapur, District Kapurthala. He, however, submits that there could be a likelihood of the petitioner absconding.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

7. In view of facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court is not inclined to accept the prayer of the petitioner for grant of interim bail for 10 days. However, he is allowed to attend the marriage of his daughter only for 01 day i.e. 07.06.2023 in police custody. The petitioner shall be taken under police custody to the venue of the wedding i.e. village Badshapur, District Kapurthala on 07.06.2023 at 07:00 a.m. and would be escorted back to the Jail where he is presently lodged on the same day by 04:00 p.m. All travel expenses incurred by the authorities concerned, shall be borne by the petitioner.

8. The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

June 5, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No