

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

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**CRM-M-32473-2022
Date of decision: 17.01.2023**

Satnam Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.71 dated 11.06.2022 under Sections 21/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'the NDPS Act') and Sections 25/54 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Lohian, District Jalandhar (Rural).

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 27.07.2022, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Hansraj, does not dispute the submissions made by the counsel opposite and on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation.

On a pointed query put to the learned State counsel as to whether any recovery of contraband was effected from the petitioner, he has replied in the negative and on instructions submits that the

petitioner was nominated as an accused pursuant to the disclosure statements made by co-accused Kulwinder Singh and Mangal Singh from whom the alleged recovery of 100 grams of heroin was effected.

On a further query learned State counsel on instructions has apprised the Court that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case much less under the NDPS Act.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 27.07.2022, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

17.01.2023

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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