

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-32759-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 07.08.2023

Jodha Singh @ Ravideep Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Sanjeeva K. Uppal, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

1. On 11.07.2023, this Court had passed the following order:-

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Due to inclement weather, no work day is being observed by the Bar Association as reflected in its request dated 10.07.2023.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 0041 dated 20.05.2023, registered under Sections 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Qadian, District Batala.

As is apparent from the perusal of the petition, the name of the petitioner surfaced based on the disclosure statement of the co-accused namely Baljit Singh from whom 10 grams of heroin has been allegedly recovered and has been granted regular bail. The petitioner has one more case registered against him under the NDPS Act, wherein he is on bail.

Notice of motion for 07.08.2023.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. As regards the 2nd case of the petitioner is concerned, learned State counsel submits that the same was also on the basis of the disclosure statement and alleged recovery from the co-accused was non commercial.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 18.07.2023. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.”

2. Learned counsel submits that in pursuance of the afore-mentioned order, the petitioner has not only joined investigation but also fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He further submits that in case the investigating agency requires the petitioner to appear, he shall make himself available without demur.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Manjit Singh affirms the factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner and cooperating with the investigating agency. He also submits that at this stage, the petitioner is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is allowed and the order dated 11.07.2023 granting interim bail to him, is hereby made absolute, subject to compliance of conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr. P.C.

5. However, it is made clear that if the petitioner fails to join and cooperate with the investigating agency as and when required, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the present anticipatory bail granted to him.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

August 07, 2023
M.Kamra

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