

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-36744-2022

Date of Decision.:05.07.2023

Manpreet Singh @ Manna  
Vs.

.....Petitioner

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

Present:- Mr. Manbir Singh Basra, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randeep Singh Khaira, DAG, Punjab.

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**DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.86 dated 17.06.2021 registered under Section 21(c)/61/85 NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 25/54/59 of Arms Act, 1969, registered at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar.

2. Allegations are that 1 kg of heroine besides certain arms and ammunition were recovered from the possession of co-accused Lachman Singh on 17.06.2021. It is contended by learned counsel that petitioner was in jail at that time and has no role to play in the crime.

3. On the other hand, contention of learned State counsel is that though petitioner was in jail in another case but he was managing the business of drugs through whatsapp. However, learned State counsel is at loss of words to show any whatsapp message exchanged between the petitioner and the co-accused.

4. As per the custody certificate placed on record, petitioner is in custody for the last 2 years and 9 days in this case. Trial is likely to take long time.
5. Having regard to the role attributed to the petitioner and the other circumstances noticed above but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

July 05, 2023  
Neetika Tuteja

(DEEPAK GUPTA)  
JUDGE

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| Whether Speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |