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AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-38884-2023

Date of Decision: 17.08.2023

Manjeet Singh @ Chappi

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Vinod Kumar, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Bajwa, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.383 dated 14.11.2022 registered under Sections 21/27 (a) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Makboolpura, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is on bed due to his health conditions and the police has registered a false case against him on the basis of disclosure statement recorded by Manraj Singh. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner is already undergoing treatment from PGIMER, Chandigarh and a sympathetic view may be taken in the present case.

A status report by way of an affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police, East, Amritsar City has been filed by learned State counsel and as per

the said report, the petitioner is found involved in the following other FIRs:-

1. FIR No.58 dated 27.04.2018, under Sections 307, 379-B of IPC, (added Section 397 IPC), 25 Arms Act, PS Sadar Hoshiarpur.
2. FIR No.22, dated 28.03.2019, under Sections 379-B, 323, 34 of IPC, PS Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur.
3. FIR No.56, dated 18.06.2019, under Sections 307, 323, 427, 148, 149 ofg IPC, Section 25 of Arms Act, PS Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur.
4. FIR No. 150, dated 02.07.2019, under Sections 21, 22 NDPS Act, 25 Arms Act, Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur.
5. FIR No.144 dated 21.12.2022, under Section 22 NDPS Act, PS Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur (Recovery 42 grams intoxicating powder).

Learned State counsel further submits that the present petitioner is a habitual drug peddler and is also involved in two more cases under NDPS Act and is not entitled for any relief from this Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

From the status report, it is evident that the petitioner is already involved in two more cases of NDPS Act and three more FIRs under various provisions of Indian Penal Code have been registered against the present petitioner. Apart from that, in the present case also, the accused Manraj Singh was arrested, while he was carrying the contraband and during his interrogation,

he had disclosed the fact that the said contraband was received by him from the present petitioner.

In view of the above facts, the petitioner is not entitled for grant of concession of anticipatory bail and the present petition is dismissed, accordingly.

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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