

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

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2023:PHHC:161330

CRM-M-47659-2023

Date of decision: December 15th, 2023

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.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Himani Kapila, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.237 dated 14.10.2022 under Section 21 of the NDPS Act (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added later on) registered at Police Station Sadar Ferozepur.

2. Learned counsel for the State, on instructions, submits that though the petitioner has joined investigation in compliance of order dated 21.09.2023, however, the petitioner has not approached this Court with clean hands. Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in three other cases under the NDPS Act, which has been withheld from this Court.

3. In the circumstances, no ground is made out to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The instant petition stands dismissed.

5. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

December 15th, 2023

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No