

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

(120)

**2023:PHHC:137218
CRM-M-52885-2023
Date of Decision: 20.10.2023**

Varinder Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU.

Present:- Ms. Arshdeep Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. J.P. Ratra, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition under Section 439 read with Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 *inter alia* for grant of interim bail for a period of four weeks to the petitioner on account of treatment of his father and attending Bhog Ceremonies of his mother-in-law in FIR No.62 dated 05.07.2023, under Sections 22(C)/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Badali Ala Singh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that his father is ailing from various diseases; and there is no other male member in the family therefore petitioner be granted interim bail.

3. Learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer, submitted that on earlier occasion also petitioner was granted 10 days interim bail on account of his marriage and there are other members in the family of petitioner to take care of his ailing father.

4. Heard both sides and perused paper book.

5. It transpires that petitioner was arrested on 05.07.2023 and investigation is still going on. It is also not in dispute that vide order dated 15.09.2023, petitioner was granted interim bail for 10 days w.e.f. 18.09.2023 to 28.09.2023 for solemnizing his marriage.

6. Furthermore, petitioner applied for extension of interim bail granted on 15.09.2023 (*supra*) on account of father's treatment; but this Court vide order dated 29.09.2023 declined the same.

7. Today again, petitioner has filed present petition for grant of interim bail for four weeks for attending Bhog Ceremonies of mother-in-law and treatment of his father.

8. In view of the above, no ground is made out to accept the prayer of petitioner for grant of interim bail any further.

9. Consequently, there is no option except to dismiss the petition.

10. Ordered accordingly.

11. However, it is made clear that dismissal of the present petition be not treated as a bar to the petitioner seeking bail pending trial; nor the observations made above be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the controversy, in any manner.

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

20.10.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No