

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

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**CRM-M-65496-2023 (O&M)
Date of Order:28.12.2023**

Mandeep

.Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

**Present: Mr. Ravinder Phogat, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J

1. The petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in a criminal case arising from FIR No.532, dated 23.09.2023, registered under Section 20(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 added later on), at Police Station Tosham, District Bhiwani, Haryana.

2. As per the case of the prosecution, Mr. Rakesh @ Raka was apprehended with 686 gram 'charas' and on his disclosure statement, the petitioner was nominated as an accused. However, subsequently, Mr. Rakesh @ Raka retraced his statement.

3. The learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and the disclosure statement is not admissible in evidence.

4. On the other hand, the learned counsel representing the State of Haryana submits that the petitioner is a habitual offender as he is involved in as many as 13 more cases. He submits that the entire supply chain of narcotic is required to be unearthed to completely investigate the matter.

5. This court has considered the submissions of the learned counsel representing the parties.
6. In the opinion of this Court, it would not be appropriate to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner particularly when he has criminal antecedents and the entire supply chain is required to be exposed in order to stop the menace of drug abuse.
7. Hence, dismissed.
8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

December 28, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

:YES/NO
:YES/NO