

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-6909-2024

Date of decision: 20.02.2024

Naveen Fogat

.....Petitioner

Versus

Narcotics Control Bureau

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Tajeshwar Singh Sullar, Central Government Counsel
for the respondent-NCB.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking interim bail for a period of seven days for performing last rites of his father, who has since expired on 14.01.2024, in Criminal Complaint No.VIII/31/DZU/2023 dated 13.06.2023 under Sections 21(c)/22(c)/23(c) and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 8 of the NDPS Act, 1985 added later on read with Section 200 of the Cr.P.C.

2. Reply by way of affidavit of Inspector, Narcotics Control Bureau Delhi Zonal Unit, Delhi, on behalf of the respondent has been filed in the Court today which is taken on record subject to all just exceptions.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-NCB has vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner for extending the concession of interim bail to the petitioner. He submits that the petitioner is the kingpin of one Zambada Cartel, which has links with drug syndicates outside India and is actively

involved in the trafficking of LCD and MDMA contraband, which has been wreaking havoc upon the youth. Besides the present case, the petitioner is also involved in two other cases under the NDPS Act involving commercial quantity.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

5. In view of the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, no ground is made out to extend the concession of interim bail to him.

6. Accordingly, the instant petition is hereby dismissed.

7. 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.

20.02.2024

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JUDGE

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