

219

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9737-2024

Date of Decision:- 04.12.2024

Ranjeet Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Ms. Bhupinder K.Bhangu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner – Ranjeet Singh has filed petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No.0276 dated 11.10.2022, under Sections 21/22/29/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.
2. As per the facts of case, on 11.10.2022 ASI Harish Kumar and police party was on routing patrolling duty going from village Mothawal to Lattianwal. When they reached cremation ground, about 100 meters from Mothawal they noticed one motorcycle Splendor coming from the side of village Lattianwal which was driven by a Hindu gentleman and another Hindu gentleman was pillion rider. When the motorcycle came near them,



he suddenly stopped and tried to turn back. The young boy sitting behind on seeing the police party threw away a polythene bag on the road side. Said persons were controlled by the investigating officer. The boy driving the motorcycle disclosed his name as Sarbjit Singh alias Sabbu and the boy who was pillion rider disclosed his name as Jagtar Singh. On checking of said polythene bag, 10 grams of heroin and 1100 intoxicant tablets were recovered. During the course of investigation, names of other accused including present petitioner were cropped up.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that petitioner was nominated in this case on disclosure statement of main accused. No recovery was effected from him. He was arrested on 30.01.2024 and till date he is behind the bars. He is ready to abide by the terms of bail order. Therefore, his regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. Learned counsel representing State has filed status report, which is taken on record. He confirmed that no recovery was effected from the petitioner. Though petitioner claimed that he was arrested on 30.01.2024 but as per status report, he was arrested on 04.03.2024 and supplementary challan is also presented qua him. FSL report has been received and the salt present in said intoxicant tablets was *Alprazolam*. During investigation, it was revealed that heroin was purchased from a person residing in Delhi. Considering the huge quantity of recovery effected from co-accused, petitioner is not entitled to be released on bail.

6. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. As per the facts narrated above, present petitioner was not apprehended on the spot nor any recovery was effected from him. He was

named by co-accused namely Sarbjit Singh alias Sabbu and Jagtar Singh. Supplementary challan qua present petitioner has been presented. Trial in this case is likely to take some time. Therefore, in the light of aforesaid factual position, without going on the merits of the case, regular bail petition filed by petitioner – Ranjeet Singh is allowed. He is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned.

04.12.2024
Sunil Devi

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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