

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-9981-2024
Date of Decision:03.04.2024

KARANDEEP SINGHPetitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Ranjodh Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. G.P.S. Bhullar, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 26.02.2024, following order was passed:

“By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.19 dated 02.02.2024 registered under Section 21, 25, 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

Allegations are that 100 grams of heroin was recovered on the basis of secret information from co-accused Harbhajan Singh @ Dhanna besides coaccused Lovejit Singh @ Avi while travelling on a motor-cycle and that in their disclosure statements, they nominated the petitioner to be the supplier.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated; that he has never been involved in any such case; that he is being nominated only on the disclosure statements which are not admissible and that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on

behalf of the respondent- State. Copy of the petition be supplied to him during course of the day.

Adjourned to 03.04.2024 for filing status report.

In the meantime, in case of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/ Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Today learned State counsel, on instructions submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 26.02.2024 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

03.04.2024

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**(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether Reportable Yes/No