



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

CRM-M No.12778 of 2024
Date of decision: 1st August, 2024

Amrit Lal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Avtar S. Bhatti, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0020 dated 11.02.2023 under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 of the Act added later on) registered at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur.

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Vasudev, has although not disputed that the name of the petitioner surfaced in the disclosure statement allegedly suffered by co-accused, from whom recovery of 380 grams of intoxicant substance was affected, however, it has been submitted that it is a matter of record that the petitioner had previously also been involved in cases under the NDPS Act and had been convicted; it was only in the year 2019 that after serving out his



sentence in the previous case registered under the NDPS Act, the petitioner came out of jail and soon thereafter, he has again been involved in cases under the NDPS Act.

3. In the circumstances, no ground is made out to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the instant case.

4. Dismissed.

5. 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.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 1, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No