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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-15961-2024

Date of Decision: 17.07.2024

Parminder Singh alias Mani

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner Parminder Singh alias Mani has filed anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in FIR No. 28 dated 16.02.2024 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 18, 18-C and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Special Task Force, District STF Wing, Mohali.

2. In this case, petitioner was granted relief of *interim* bail as per order dated 03.04.2024 which runs as under :-

“Contends, *inter alia*, that petitioner has been nominated merely on the basis of disclosure, made by co-accused Gurdev Singh and there is no other criminal case pending against him.
Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and seeks time to verify the above factual position.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

3. Learned counsel for petitioner submitted that petitioner has already joined the investigation. He further stated that contraband i.e. 66 kg of Opium was not recovered from him. Rather, it was recovered from co-accused Gurdev Singh and Tejinder Singh alias Monu. It is prayed that the *ad interim* anticipatory bail order already passed in his favour may be confirmed.

4. Learned counsel representing the State on instructions from ASI Bhupinder Singh, Special Task Force, Mohali pointed out that present petitioner has already joined the investigation and he is not required for any other purpose.

5. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, *interim* bail already granted in favour of petitioner Parminder Singh alias Mani vide order dated 03.04.2024 as referred above stands confirmed, subject to the conditions as enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

6. Petition is accordingly allowed.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

17.07.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No