

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

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2024:PHHC:057237
CRM-M-20335-2024
Date of decision: April 26, 2024

KULWINDER SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Vijay Lath, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition is the second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for granting the concession of interim bail to the petitioner for seven days on case FIR No.0015 dated 06.06.2023 under Sections 21, 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act (Section 27 of the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Special Operation Cell, Amritsar to attend the marriage of his real brother.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has reiterated that the marriage of the brother of the petitioner is due to be solemnized on 28.04.2024 at Mallanwala. Hence, the presence of the petitioner would be required at the time of the solemnization of the marriage of his brother, for which he be granted interim bail for seven days.
3. In compliance of the order dated 24.04.2024, learned State counsel has verified the authenticity of the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner with respect to the marriage of the brother of the petitioner, which is due to be solemnized on 28.04.2024 at Big V Palace, Mallanwala. On a pointed query put to the learned State counsel, he has informed the Court that

the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents but the recovery in the present case from the petitioner is 550 grams of heroin along with drug money of Rs.2.5 lakhs. It has also been submitted that charges in the case in hand stand framed, however, none of the 19 witnesses cited by the prosecution have been examined so far.

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

5. This Court is not inclined to accept the prayer of the applicant for grant of interim bail for seven days, however, he is allowed to attend the marriage of his brother on 28.04.2024 in police custody. The applicant shall be taken under police custody to Big V Palace, Mallanwala on 28.04.2024 at 08.00 A.M. and would be escorted back to the Jail, where he is presently lodged, on the same day by 05:00 P.M. All travel expenses incurred by the authorities concerned, shall be borne by the applicant.

6. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this petition stands disposed of.

7. A copy of this order be given under the signature of the Bench Secretary.

April 26, 2024
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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