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

CRM-M-24954-2024

DATE OF DECISION: 17.05.2024

RANJEET SINGH

...PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Nandan Jindal, Advocate and
Mr. Ashwani Khatter, Advocate for the petitioner(s).
Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.203 dated 14.11.2022 registered under Sections 15(C)/25 of The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Sections 29/61/85 of NDPS Act added later on) at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and was nominated on the disclosure statement of main accused Sukhwinder Singh @ Sukha-Driver and Dharampreet Singh @ Preet who was working as a cleaner on the offending vehicle in which alleged contraband of 240 Kg of poppy husk was recovered.
3. Notice of motion.



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4. On the asking of Court, learned State Counsel appearing on advance notice, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and on instructions from ASI Gurmail Singh opposes the prayer for grant of bail but could no produce any incriminating evidence connecting the petitioner with the alleged incident.

5. Be that as it may, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petitioner deserves the concession of anticipatory bail, if he in a bona fide manner is willing to join the investigation and cooperates himself in furtherance of the same so that the final report can be submitted by the Investigating Agency in time.

6. Hence, in view of the admitted set of circumstances before this Court, the petitioner is directed to be released on anticipatory bail subject to his joining investigation and reporting to the Investigating Officer concerned within a period of one week from today, on furnishing of personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

7. In case the petitioner fails to abide by the direction given by this Court particularly regarding joining of the investigation, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of the instant anticipatory bail.

8. The petition in the aforesaid terms stands disposed off.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*
Whether reportable *Yes/No*