



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-55240-2024

DATE OF DECISION: 07.11.2024

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...PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Ashwani Bhatia, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Jaspal Singh Guru, AAG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)1. Relief Sought

This petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS 2023 for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 108 dated 05.08.2024 under sections 21/29/61 of NDPS Act 1985, registered at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur in the interest of Justice.

2. Prosecution story, set up in the present case as per the version in the FIR read as under :-

‘First Information Contents: Copy of report. Officer In-charge Police Station City Sunam Fateh. Today I SI along with Constable Jaswinder Singh No.1259/Sangrur, Constable Gursewak Singh No.745/Sangrur Senior Constable Kulvir Singh No.1071/Sangrur travelling in official vehicle bearing registration number PB13-BE-3707 mark Scorpio Gateway colour black driven by Senior Constable Anwar Khan No.817/Sangrur along with laptop, printer, investigation kit in



regard to patrolling and checking of suspicious persons were going towards Village Gurbaksh Pura on permanent road constructed alongside Drain Sunam and when the police party reached one KM ahead of City Sunam then at around 11:40AM when a clean shaven young man was seen coming from the opposite direction walking □ who on seeing the vehicle of the police party coming in front of him got tensed and stopped all of a sudden and threw the plastic polythene held in his right hand in the shrubs towards his left hand side towards the drain and started to turn back who was overpowered by I SI along with colleagues by making the official vehicle stop and getting downstairs immediately and asked his name and address who told his name to be Sukhi son of Budh Ram resident of Geeta Bhawan Road Sunam Police Station City Sunam and from inside of the polythene plastic thrown by him narcotic substance/heroin. I SI tried to make a private witness join in the investigation on the spot but every person asserting speculation of danger to himself refused to join in as private witness. In this manner no person could be made to join in as private witness. Then I SI prepared the notice U/s 50 NDPS Act of Sukhi on which aforesaid Sukhi affixed his signatures in Punjabi and the witnesses affixed their respective signatures. Then I SI picked up the polythene plastic transparent thrown by Sukhi in his possession from which narcotic substance heroin was recovered. Then I SI weighed the recovered narcotic substance Heroin along with plastic polythene on computerised scale which on being weighed came out to be 20 grams along with plastic polythene I SI by putting the 20 grams recovered narcotic substance Heroin along with plastic polythene in a cloth bag and by preparing exhibit stamped the same with his stamp of HS. Sample stamps were prepared separately. The stamp after use was handed over to Constable Jaswinder Singh No.1259/Sangrur. Then I SI took the stamped exhibit and the sample stamps into possession of the police through file of



recovery. The signatures of the witnesses were got affixed on the file. The accused Sukhi son of Budh Ram resident of Geeta Bhawan Road Sunam Police Station City Sunam by keeping narcotic substance heroin in his possession for selling has committed offence U/s 21/61/85 NDPS Act. So by typing report against Sukhi son of Budh Ram resident of Geeta Bhawan Road Sunam Police Station City Sunam Police Station City Sunam in regard to aforesaid offence and by taking print is being sent in the hands of Constable Gursewak Singh No.745/Sangrur to the police station City Sunam for getting a case registered. The case number be informed after being registered. In-charge control room be informed through e-mail. I SI along with colleagues am present on the spot. At near Drain City Sunam Time 12:40PM. SI Har Chetan Singh No.510/Sangrur CIA Sangrur dated 05.08.2024 Mobile No.80546-01349 on receiving the report aforesaid FIR in regard to aforesaid offence was registered against Sukhi and the entry was got recorded. In-charge control room Sangrur is being informed through e-mail. Original report and case file is being sent in the hands of Constable Gursewak Singh No.745/Sangrur to SI Har Chetan Singh No.510/Sangrur CIA Sangrur spot for further action.'

3. **Contentions**

On behalf of the petitioner

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case on the basis of disclosure statement suffered by co-accused Sukhi from whom the recovery of 20 grams of Heroin was effected which is non-commercial in nature. He further contends that co-accused Sukhi has also been granted concession of regular bail vide order dated 01.10.2024 passed by the Trial Court.

On behalf of the State

Learned State Counsel appearing on advance notice on



instructions from Investigating Officer vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of concession of anticipatory bail stating that to unearth the nexus of drug trafficking and the source from where petitioner has brought the contraband, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required.

4. **Analysis**

Be that as it may, after given a thoughtful consideration to the submissions as made, by the counsel for both the parties especially to the effect that the petitioner was named on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused Sukhi who has been granted concession of regular bail by the Trial Court, nothing is to be recovered from her, the alleged recovery is of non-commercial in nature, this Court finds no reason to deny the petitioner the concession of anticipatory bail, wherein the petitioner has bona fide intentions and is willing to join the investigation and cooperate for furtherance of the same so that the final report can be submitted by the Investigating Agency within the stipulated time period.

5. **Decision**

Hence, in view of the admitted set of circumstances before this Court, the petitioner is hereby directed to be released on anticipatory bail subject to her 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 482(2) of BNSS of which are reproduced below :-



‘When the High Court or the Court of Session makes a direction under sub-section (1), it may include such conditions in such directions in the light of the facts of the particular case, as it may think fit, including-

(i) a condition that the person shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;

(ii) a condition that the person shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) a condition that the person shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

(iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.’

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid direction of joining the investigation within one week, the order passed by this Court today shall automatically stand cancelled.

The petition in the aforesaid terms stand allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

07.11.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No