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

CRM-M-2144-2025

Date of decision: 16.01.2025

Laddi Bhatti

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Deol, Senior DAG, Punjab, with ASI Tejinder Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in case FIR No.132, dated 01.12.2024, under Sections 21, 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sri Hargobindpur, District Batala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case on the basis of a disclosure statement allegedly suffered by co-accused Manpreet Singh from whom a recovery of 3 grams of heroin was effected. It has been asserted by the learned counsel that firstly, the recovered contraband falls under the small quantity, coupled with the fact that the evidentiary value of the disclosure statement on the basis of which the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused in the present case, is of a weak nature, the petitioner deserves to be extended the concession of anticipatory bail.

On a query put to the learned counsel as to whether the petitioner has any previous criminal antecedents, to which, he has replied in the affirmative and submitted that although the petitioner is indeed booked in some other cases under the NDPS Act, however, therein too, he has been falsely implicated.

I have heard learned counsel and perused the material placed on record.

Prima facie, the petitioner comes across as a habitual offender and is the alleged supplier of the contraband recovered from co-accused Manpreet Singh. Evidently, the petitioner has misused the concession of bail which had been granted to him in the other criminal cases including the cases under the NDPS Act.

In facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court does not deem it fit to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Present petition stands dismissed accordingly.

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

January 16, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No