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

**CRM-M-18923-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.04.2025**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Sumeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

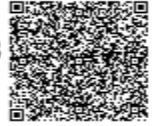
Mr. Nitesh Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.37 dated 08.03.2025 under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act'), registered at Police Station City-2, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

2. In nutshell, the facts of the case are that on 08.03.2025, ASI Jagtar Singh along with other police officials was on patrolling duty and was present at Amloh Chowk, Khanna and at about 04.30 p.m., he received a secret

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information that Nirmal Singh @ Raju and Mani are habitual of taking and selling the drugs and they are having huge quantity of intoxicant powder and selling the same to their customers at Kartar Nagar. If a raid is conducted, they could be apprehended with intoxicant powder. Finding the information as genuine, a ruqa was sent to police station through PHG Ram Bahadar No.17893 for registration of an FIR. After following the proper procedure prescribed under the provisions of NDPS Act, co-accused Nirmal Singh @ Raju was arrested and 06 grams of intoxicant powder was recovered from him. However, petitioner Money fled away from the spot.

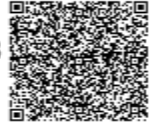
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. On the date of alleged recovery, the petitioner was in Moga. Further, the local police is inimical to the petitioner and earlier also, he had been implicated in similar manner. The quantity of alleged contraband i.e. 06 grams of intoxicant powder recovered from co-accused falls within intermediate quantity.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner is habitual offender and he is involved in four more cases under NDPS Act, as such, his custodial interrogation is required to ascertain the supply chain of heroin.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and

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considering the antecedents of the petitioner, without commenting anything further on merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the rights of either of the parties, this Court finds no ground to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

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[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

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