



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

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CRM-M-47506-2024

Date of decision: 18.02.2025

RAVIDEEP SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.30 dated 25.05.2022, registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, (for short 'NDPS Act') (Sections 27 and 29 of NDPS Act were added later on), at Police Station Mehal Kalan, District Barnala.

2. Vide order dated 23.09.2024, passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation. Order dated 23.09.2024, passed by this Court, reads as under:

“The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.30, dated 22.5.2022 at Police Station Mehal Kalan, District Barnala, under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, wherein offences under Section 27 & 29 of NDPS Act were added later on.

As per the case of prosecution, Jasvir Singh @ Toti and Bhawandeep Singh @ Bhawana were apprehended by the police on 25.5.2022 and a recovery of 960 intoxicant tablets was effected



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from them. It is further the case of prosecution that during the course of interrogation they disclosed that Ravideep Singh (petitioner) and one Karamjit Singh were also associated with them.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case solely on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused, which would not carry any evidentiary value in the absence of any other connecting evidence.

Notice of motion for 21.1.2025.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 03.10.2024 and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 23.09.2024, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to compliance of usual terms and conditions requisite for grant of anticipatory bail.

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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