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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 30.04.2021

Saketter Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Rajesh Lamba, Advocate

for the petitioner.

Mr. Raman Kumar Sharma, Additional Advocate General,

Haryana.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing in the light of the pandemic COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

This is second petition preferred under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking bail in FIR No. 78 dated 24.02.2020, registered under Section 22 (c) of the Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the recovery of the contraband was effected from the polythene bag allegedly carried by the petitioner on the tank of the motorcycle. As per case of the prosecution, 100 strips of PARVORIN-SPAS capsules (636 grams Tramadol) were allegedly recovered. The strips do not carry the batch number. The issue of the contraband not having batch number, would be a relevant and crucial point

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interim bail vide order dated 11.09.2020 passed by this Court for awaiting

report of FSL. After the report was in affirmative, the petitioner had

surrendered before the authorities in time and did not misuse the concession

granted to him. He further states that recovery in the manner projected by

the prosecution is highly doubtful.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the instant

petition and states that during the investigation, the petitioner had made a

disclosure statement that he had procured the substance from one Dr.

Lakshman son of Mitha Ram, resident of village Hijrawan Kalan. He further

states that the petitioner was convicted in FIR No. 241 dated 17.12.2000

registered under Sections 3, 4 and 7 of the Prohibition Act, 1986 at Police

Station City Sirsa. However, he admits the factum that the petitioner did not

misuse the concession of interim bail dated 11.09.2020 passed by this Court

and the investigation qua the source of the contraband is still going on and

the challan has not yet been filed in the Court.

Heard.

Considering the manner of recovery and the fact that the

investigation with regard to the source is still going on and the challan has

not been filed so far, coupled with the fact that the petitioner has suffered

incarceration prior to his admission on interim bail vide order dated

11.09.2020 passed by this Court, and the fact that the petitioner did not

misuse the concession of interim bail, this Court is inclined to accept the

prayer of the petitioner.

Without adverting to the merits of the instant case, this petition

is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail during the pendency of the

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trial, on furnishing indemnity bond in the sum of Rs. 1 lakh with two local

sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief

Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned. The petitioner shall also

surrender his passport, if any, held by him. This order shall remain in

subsistence till the filing of the challan.

However, anything noticed hereinabove shall not be construed

as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

30.04.2021

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN) JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned: Yes No

Whether Reportable: Yes No