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CRM-M-32759-2023 (O&M)

JODHA SINGH @ RAVIDEEP SINGH VS STATE OF PUNJAB

Present:- None for the petitioner

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**CRM-27843-2023**

Allowed as prayed for.

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Due to inclement weather, no work day is being observed by the Bar Association as reflected in its request dated 10.07.2023.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 0041 dated 20.05.2023, registered under Sections 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Qadian, District Batala.

As is apparent from the perusal of the petition, the name of the petitioner surfaced based on the disclosure statement of the co-accused namely Baljit Singh from whom 10 grams of heroin has been allegedly recovered and has been granted regular bail. The petitioner has one more case registered against him under the NDPS Act, wherein he is on bail.

Notice of motion for 07.08.2023.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. As regards the 2<sup>nd</sup> case of the petitioner is concerned, learned State counsel submits that the same was also on the basis of the disclosure statement and alleged recovery from the co-accused was non commercial.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation on or before 18.07.2023. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to compliance of conditions as enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

However, it is clarified that if the petitioner does not join and cooperate with the Investigating Agency as required by the Arresting/Investigating Officer, this interim order shall be deemed to have been vacated.

**11.07.2023**

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**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**