

Anil Bhatia & others Vs State of Punjab

Present: Sh. Neeraj Arora Advocate for applicants-accused.
Sh. Varinder Kumar Public Prosecutor for State.

1. Applicants-accused Anil Bhatia, Rekha Bhatia, Prashant Singh and Sunil Bhatia are seeking anticipatory bail in a complaint U/s 18(a)(i) of Drugs and Cosmetic Act 1940, titled as 'State through Drugs Inspector Hoshiarpur Vs Anil Bhatia & others' which is pending in the Court of Sh. Amandeep Singh, Ld. JMIC Hoshiarpur.

2. It is argued by the Ld. counsel for applicants/accused that the applicants-accused have not committed any offence as alleged, rather they are falsely implicated in the present complaint. The applicants-accused have been summoned in a complaint U/s 18(a)(i) of Drugs and Cosmetic Act 1940 and their custodial interrogation is not required. He argued that applicants-accused undertakes to abide by all the conditions as imposed by this Court. Hence, it is prayed that the applicants-accused may be released on bail.

3. On the other hand, the learned Public Prosecutor for the State opposed the bail application and prayed for dismissal of the same.

4. Heard. Perusal of record shows that complaint U/s 18(a)(i) of Drugs and Cosmetic Act 1940 was filed by State through Drugs Inspector Hoshiarpur, in which, the applicants-accused have been summoned to face trial by the learned trial Court. Since, the applicants-accused have been summoned in a complaint case, so their custodial interrogation is not required. Therefore, the application for anticipatory bail filed by the applicants-accused is allowed and the applicants-accused are directed to surrender before the Ld. trial court/Duty Magistrate within

15 days from today and on their doing so, and in the event of their arrest, the trial court/Duty Magistrate shall admit them on bail on their furnishing personal bail bonds to the tune of Rs. 50,000/- each with one surety in the like amount each, to its own satisfaction. This order is subject to the following conditions:-

- i. That the applicants shall appear before the trial court on each and every date of hearing.
- ii. That the applicants cannot directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer.
- iii. The applicants shall not leave the country without the prior permission of the trial Court.

Trial Court record be returned immediately and file of bail application be consigned to record room.

Announced:
Dated: 16.07.2025.

Kulvinder Singh JW

**(Karamjit Singh Sullar),
Additional Sessions Judge
Hoshiarpur (UID No.PB0141)**