



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

CRM-M-2698-2024 ( O&M )

Date of decision : 01.09.2025

Amrik Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present: Mr. Arjun Veer Sharma, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajit Pal Singh Mander, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

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**SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE** ( Oral )

1. Petitioner Amrik Singh, who is in custody since 05.07.2020, i.e. for the last more than five years and one month, and is alleged with offence punishable under the provisions of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'NDPS Act'), has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 192 dated 05.07.2020, under Section 21 of NDPS Act (later on added Section 21-C, 31, 25, 29 of NDPS Act and Section 207 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988), registered at Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur, where 1400 grams of heroin, which is commercial quantity, was recovered.

2. The petitioner has several offences registered against him, comprising criminal antecedents, and all these offences are punishable under NDPS Act, out of which in two cases, he has been convicted and sentenced.



2.1 Since NDPS Act has enhanced punishment for repeated offence, and out of 34 enlisted witnesses, only one prosecution witness has been completely examined while one only partly, it would be appropriate that main prosecution witnesses are given a chance to depose in free and secure atmosphere, which is possible only if petitioner is not released on bail for the time being.

3. Accordingly, petition stands dismissed for the time being, with liberty to petitioner to re-visit the Court, after examination of some more prosecution witnesses or if trial gets further delayed, whichever is earlier.

4. Pending application, if any, stands disposed of.

( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE

September 01, 2025  
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No