

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

**CRM-M-56935-2024 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 26.05.2025**

Amandeep Singh @ Aman Jaura @ Raju

...Petitioner

*Versus*

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

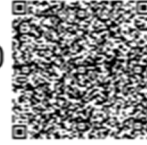
Present:- Mr. Sartej Singh Gill, Advocate for  
Ms. Ekjot Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab for the respondent.

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**MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.**

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (*for short 'BNSS'*) for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.53 dated 29.03.2024 (P-1), under Section 21(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS'*); [Section 29 of the NDPS added later on], registered at Police Station Special Task Force, STF Wing, District SAS Nagar, Punjab (General Diary No.8 dated 22.09.2024 added later on vide which petitioner has been implicated).



(2) Allegations are that co-accused Navkiran Singh was found in possession of 650 grams of *Heroin* (commercial quantity) without any license and petitioner has been nominated on the basis of disclosure, made by aforesaid co-accused.

(3) Learned Counsel contends that petitioner was granted interim protection by the Coordinate Bench, vide order dated 14.11.2024 and in pursuance thereof, he has already joined the investigation; hence, his custodial interrogation is not required.

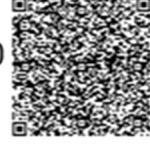
(4) The above factual position is not disputed by learned State Counsel, on instructions from S.I. Harpal Singh.

(5) Heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

(6) It transpires that petitioner was granted interim protection by the Coordinate Bench, vide order dated 14.11.2024 and the same reads as under:-

*“The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.53, dated 29.3.2024 at Police Station Special Task Force, STF Wing, District SAS Nagar, Punjab, under Section 21(c) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, wherein offence under Section 29 of NDPS Act was added later on.*

*As per the case of prosecution, one Navkiran Singh was apprehended by the police while he was found in possession of 650 grams of ‘heroin’. It is further the case of prosecution that during the course of interrogation, he disclosed that the petitioner was into business of ‘heroin’ and that he (Navkiran*



*Singh) had been directed by the petitioner to deliver the contraband to one of his customers near Golden Gate and that the petitioner had promised to give him an amount of Rs.20,000/- for undertaking the said task.*

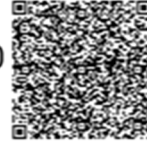
*Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is nowhere named in the FIR and no recovery was ever effected from him and that he came to be nominated on the basis of a disclosure statement of co-accused, the admissibility and veracity of which would be debatable. It has further been submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under NDPS Act.*

*Notice of motion for 8.4.2025.*

*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.”*

(7) It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

(8) In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Consequently, present petition is allowed; interim order dated 14.11.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of the BNSS.



(9) It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

(10) The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

(11) It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioner, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

26<sup>th</sup> May, 2025  
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( MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU )  
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>