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

**CRM-M-573-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision : 11.02.2025**

Raju Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, A.A.G., Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (*for short, 'the B.N.S.S.'*) has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.167 dated 28.10.2024, under Section 15(a) [Section 25 added subsequently] of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Faridkot.

(2) Status report filed by way of affidavit dated 04.02.2025 of Mr. Tarlochan Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Faridkot, is taken on record. Copy thereof supplied to the other side.

Registry to do the needful.



(3) Learned Counsel contends that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 10.01.2025 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 Inspector Guradita Singh, and submits that as on today, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

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

(6) It transpires that petitioner was granted interim bail by the this Court, vide order dated 10.01.2025 and the order reads as under:-

“Contends, inter alia, that neither petitioner is named in the FIR; nor any contraband has been recovered from him; rather small quantity of contraband i.e. 500 grams of Poppy Pods was allegedly recovered from co-accused, who happens to be nephew of the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.”

(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 10.01.2025 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) 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.

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No