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

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Decided on: 07.03.2025

Manjot Singh @ Malli

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate and
Mr. Rajdeep Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C., for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, who has been booked for having committed the offences punishable under Sections 22-C and 29 of NDPS Act, in FIR No.93, dated 23.07.2023, registered at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda, during the pendency of trial.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that as per the case of the prosecution, while petitioner-Manjot Singh @ Malli was driving the car alongwith co-accused namely; Paramjeet Kaur, who was sitting on the passenger seat, contraband i.e. 325 vials of cough syrup containing Codeine and 200 strips of Carisoprodol, which was lying on the rear seat of car was recovered. Counsel for the petitioner submits that culmination of trial is likely to take considerable time as out of total fourteen prosecution witnesses, only four have been examined till date. Counsel also submits that petitioner is not involved in any other case and

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co-accused namely; Paramjeet Kaur @ Paramjit Kaur has already been granted the concession of regular bail by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 12.12.2024 passed in CRM-M-43755-2024, thus, prays for grant of regular bail.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner in the Court today. Same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place with the paper-book.

While opposing the prayer of the petitioner, learned State counsel submits that the contraband recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner falls under commercial quantity, thus, prays for dismissal of the present petition.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and considered the submissions addressed by them. This Court noticed the fact that the co-accused namely Paramjeet Kaur has already been granted the concession of regular bail and petitioner has clean antecedents; petitioner is inside jail for the last one year and seven months and out of total fourteen prosecution witnesses, only four have been examined till date, culmination of trial is likely to take considerable time, therefore, petitioner cannot be kept behind bars for indefinite period, this Court deems it appropriate to consider the plea of the petitioner.

5. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in this case, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.



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6. The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of evidence available on record.

7. It is further made clear that if, in future, petitioner is directly found indulged in similar kind of activities, this order shall be deemed to be cancelled.

8. Petition stands disposed of.

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

March 07, 2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**