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

**CRM-M No. 42426 of 2024 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 10.01.2025**

Anmol Singh @ Anmol Randhawa

..... Petitioner

**Versus**

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA**

Present: Mr. B.S. Bajwa, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondent.

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**HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)**

By way of present (second) petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No.33 dated 03.02.2023, under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Batala, Police District Batala, wherein he has been implicated against the alleged recovery of 770 loose intoxicant tablets.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the investigation in the present case stands concluded with the filing of challan and the petitioner is in custody since last one year and four months; thus, prayer is for grant of regular bail.

[3] On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the prayer while submitting that the recovery involved in the present case falls under commercial category; thus, he does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

[4] I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book. I find substance in the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

[5] Considering the fact that the petitioner is behind the bars for the past one year and four months and the investigation already stands concluded with the filing of challan followed by framing of charges and the fact that out of 16 prosecutions witnesses, only two have been examined; thus the trial is likely to take some time, I do not deem it appropriate to extend the incarceration of petitioner. Few other factors which also weighed in my mind are the young age, i.e. 28 years of the petitioner and he happens to be the first offender, who is stated to be not involved in any other case under the provisions of NDPS Act.

[6] In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the present petition, the same is **allowed**. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds / surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

**January 10, 2025**

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**( HARKESH MANUJA )  
JUDGE**

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