



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-40361-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 15.10.2025

Manjit Kaur

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Deepak Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in FIR bearing No.44 dated 16.04.2025, registered under Section(s) 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the case of the prosecution, a police patrolling party apprehended certain persons on suspicion on 16.04.2025. It is submitted that the petitioner, on seeing the police vehicle got perplexed and tried to flee through an avenue of Eucalyptus trees but eventually she was stopped and apprehended. Recovery of 37 loose intoxicant tablets was effected from the possession of the petitioner. He contends that only a small quantity has been recovered



from the possession of the petitioner, in which a maximum sentence as prescribed is only one year. He contends that the petitioner has undergone an actual custody of nearly 06 months. It is submitted that even though the petitioner is involved in two other cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 Act, however, she is on bail in both those cases.

3. Learned counsel for respondent-State, on the other hand, contends that the petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in multiple offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, however, he does not dispute that the quantity recovered from the petitioner in the present case is a small quantity and as prescribed, the maximum sentence for the same would be one year and that the petitioner has already undergone an actual sentence of 06 months approximately.

4. Taking into consideration the period of actual custody undergone by the petitioner, she having been granted bail in two other cases and bearing in mind that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time, I deem it fit to allow the instant petition.

5. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate concerned.

6. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or



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indirectly.

7. The observation made hereinabove 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 available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

15.10.2025

Mangal Singh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No