

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

**CRM-M No.24872 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.05.2025**

Khunikala Kharka @ Bimla

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

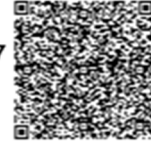
Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S.Walia, AAG, Punjab for the respondent.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Second petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (*for short 'Cr.P.C.'*) for grant of bail pending trial to the petitioner in FIR No.14 dated 07.01.2023 (P-1), under Section 20 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*), registered at Police Station Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar.

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(2) Custody Certificate dated 12.05.2025 of the petitioner has been produced and which is taken on record. Copy thereof supplied to the opposite side. Registry to tag the same at appropriate place.

(3) After arguing for some time, when this Court was not inclined to accept the prayer, learned Counsel for petitioner, on instructions, wishes to withdraw the present petition.

(4) However, learned Counsel submits that keeping in view the long custody and the fact that petitioner is citizen of Nepal, learned Special Court be directed to expedite the proceedings.

(5) Disposed off as not pressed “at this stage”.

(6) Since petitioner is in custody since 07.01.2023; therefore, while invoking jurisdiction under Section 529 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (*for short* ‘BNSS’), learned Special Court is requested to conclude the trial as per law by 31.08.2025, if there is no legal impediment.

(7) It is clarified that above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case in any manner.

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

13th 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>