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

CRM-M-34424-2025

Date of Decision: 08.09.2025

**PAPPU SINGH**

..... Petitioner

*Versus***STATE OF PUNJAB**

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**

Present : Mr. Imaan Singh Khara, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab.

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**YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)**

1. This is first petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.51, dated 18.04.2018, registered at Police Station Canal Colony Bathinda, District Bathinda, under Sections 21 and 25 of NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Upon notice, the State counsel has appeared and has opposed the bail. Both the parties have been heard and material placed on the file has been perused.

3. As per record, petitioner was apprehended alongwith 5 grams of heroin in the year 2018. He was released on bail and was facing the trial but he had absented during the trial twice Firstly, he had absented on 14.12.2019 and was declared as a proclaimed person on 18.02.2022. His presence was secured and he was released on bail but he again absented on 18.05.2024 and thereafter, he was declared as a proclaimed



person vide order 21.02.2025. Thereafter, he was arrested in this case on 23.03.2025 and he is in custody since then. No doubt, petitioner has absented twice and was declared as a proclaimed person but now he is in custody since 23.03.2025 and the Trial Court can impose stringent conditions to ensure his presence. Petitioner has already served substantive part of the sentence as an under trial. The trial will certainly take a long time to conclude and no useful purpose shall be served by keeping him in custody any more.

4. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the bail application is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

**(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)**  
**JUDGE**

08.09.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No