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

CRM-M-46741-2025

Date of decision :29.08.2025

Ranveer Singh @ Rana**....Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab****..... Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Rituraj Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0053 dated 10.03.2025 under Section 22-29-61-85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Tanda, District Hoshiarpur.
2. Succinctly the facts of the case are that the Police party while on patrolling on 10.03.2025 saw a person coming on foot. On seeing the police, he got perplexed and tried to throw a heavy black colour polythene on road, being carried by him. On suspicion, he was apprehended. On asking, he disclosed his name as Ranveer Singh @ Rana (present petitioner). Some contraband was suspected in the polythene being carried by him and thus, search was conducted. On conducting the search, 110 loose intoxicant tablets have been shown to be recovered from the same. He failed to produce any license regarding possession of the same and hence, the FIR was registered and he was arrested on spot. The investigation commenced. Samples taken were sent to the FSL. On conclusion of investigation, challan was presented and on framing of



charges, the trial commenced. The petitioner approached the Learned Judge, Special Court, Hoshiarpur praying for grant of bail, however, finding no merit, the same was declined after hearing both the sides by Learned Judge, Special Court, Hoshiarpur vide order dated 23.05.2025. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner is before this Court by way of filing of present petition for grant of bail.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that the alleged recovery has been planted upon the petitioner. He submits that the alleged recovery has been effected from a public place, however, no independent witness was joined by the investigating agency. He submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in 03 other cases and it is because of the same, he has been implicated in the present case as well. To buttress his arguments, he submits that even otherwise as per the FSL report, the weight of the contraband recovered is 16.72 grams of Alprazolam, which is a non-commercial quantity and thus, provisions of Section 37 of NDPS Act, are not attracted in the present case. It is submitted that the petitioner is behind bars since the date of his arrest, however, there is no material progress in the trial. He thus submits that in the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner and submits that the contraband has been recovered from the petitioner on due compliance of provisions of NDPS Act. He, on instructions, has submitted that out of total 08 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. He has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner on record.



5. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it transpires that the recovery effected in the present case is 16.72 grams of Alprazolam, and the small quantity is above 05 grams. As submitted before this Court, out of total 08 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far. As per custody certificate, the petitioner has suffered an incarceration of 05 months and 17 days as on 28.08.2025. It further reflects that though the petitioner is involved in 03 other cases, however, he is on bail in those cases.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court.

7. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, the Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for the grant of bail. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(**RAJESH BHARDWAJ**)
JUDGE

29.08.2025

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