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

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CRM-M-48865-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.09.2025

Balwinder Kaur @ Binder**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Rajdeep Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner is seeking benefit of regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 52 dated 24.06.2024, registered under Sections 15 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*) at Police Station Jodhan, District Ludhiana on the allegations that on 24.06.2024, a raid was conducted in the house of Avtar Singh @ Resham and 09 quintals of poppy husk was recovered from the same. He was interrogated and suffered disclosure statement, on the basis of which, the petitioner and co-accused Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakhi and Baljit Singh @ Meeta were nominated as accused in this case. The petitioner was already in custody in connection with some other case. She was joined into investigation of the case by way of issuance of production warrants on 12.07.2024. Previous petition of the petitioner had been dismissed by this Court on 05.02.2025.

2. Prayer has been made in this petition for release of the petitioner on bail on the ground that co-accused Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakhi, whose case is on similar footings, has since been granted concession of regular bail and

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even co-accused Baljit Singh @ Meeta, against whom there were graver allegations, has been granted benefit of bail by this Court. It is, therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed and the petitioner deserves to be released on bail.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner, she is not entitled to get benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

4. This Court has heard the submissions made by both the sides.

5. The petitioner is in custody since 12.07.2024. Co-accused Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakhi, against whom similar allegations have been levelled, has since been extended benefit of bail. Even co-accused Baljit Singh @ Meeta, from whom recovery of 20 kgs. of poppy husk and drug money was effected, has also been released on bail. The conclusion of trial is likely to take time. On parity and keeping in view the above discussed facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that a case for release of the petitioner on bail has been made out. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

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Waseem Anwar(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE*Whether speaking/reasoned**Yes/No**Whether reportable**Yes/No*