



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

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CRM-M-55773-2025 (O & M)

Date of decision: 13.10.2025

SANDEEP SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Rupender Singh Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)**

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.68 dated 15.03.2021, registered under Section 22(c) of NDPS Act, at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner was initially granted bail on 01.08.2023, Annexure P-4, in the FIR lodged on 15.03.2021, after the custody of 2 years, 4 months and 13 days and continued to appear before the trial Court, but for 3.2.2025, whereafter on 14.08.2025, he surrendered and has been in custody since then. Charges were framed on 12.10.2021, however, 2 out of 14 witnesses have been examined. He is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

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3. The custody certificate dated 11.10.2025, filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 1 month and 27 days, after his surrender before the trial Court.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer on the ground that the petitioner had intentionally absented from the proceeding. He is, however, unable to controvert the submissions with regard to the stage of case and the petitioner being not involved in any other case under the similar Act.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 1 month and 27 days; not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act; charges stand framed on 12.10.2021, but out of 14 prosecution witnesses, only 2 stand examined so far; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, and further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.

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- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

13.10.2025

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

**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**