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

**CRM-M-28132-2025**

Date of decision: 27.05.2025

Babu Lal

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. Navneet Jindal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajat Gautam, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. Prayer in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.80, dated 08.03.2025, under Section 15C of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Ellenabad, District Sirsa.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has no previous criminal antecedents, much less ever having been booked in a case under the NDPS Act. Learned counsel has contended that following a secret information, co-accused, Jaskaran, was intercepted by the police, leading to a recovery of 120 kgs of poppy husk. On being intercepted, co-accused, Jaskaran, allegedly suffered a disclosure statement wherein he claimed that the petitioner was the supplier of the recovered contraband. Learned counsel has asserted that since the petitioner has clean

antecedents, it clearly points to his false implication in the present case; the evidentiary value of disclosure statement is of a weak nature.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite, has not disputed that the petitioner was not named in the secret information which had been received qua co-accused, Jaskaran's involvement in the sale and purchase of narcotic substances. It has also not been disputed, on instructions, that the petitioner has no previous criminal antecedents, much less ever being booked in a case under the NDPS Act.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material placed on record.

5. The petitioner has been in custody since 13.03.2025. He is not stated to be involved in any other criminal case, much less ever booked in a case under the NDPS Act. The trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future.

6. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court deems it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Needless to add, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the same.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

**May 27, 2025**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned:  
Whether reportable:

Yes/No  
Yes/No