

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

CRM-M-20103 of 2018  
Date of Decision:21.05.2018

Manjit Kaur .....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab . ...Respondent

**CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

Present: Mr. Suresh Kumar Arya, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Dhaliwal, DAG, Punjab.

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**MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.(Oral)**

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.P.C.) for grant of concession of regular bail to the petitioner in case First Information Report No. 103 dated 10.08.2017, under Sections 15/29/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short ' NDPS Act') registered at Police Station Pasiana, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 26.04.2018 and nothing incriminating has been recovered from her during investigation. It is further contended that charges have already been framed and there are total 19 prosecution witnesses, but none has been examined till date.

The above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Amrik Singh.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper

book.

In view of the fact that no contraband was recovered from the petitioner during investigation and she being a female is in custody since 26.04.2018 and the charges have already been framed by learned trial Court. The trial is likely to take a long time to be concluded and as such no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars any more. Perusal of the custody certificate further reveals that there is no other case pending under the provisions of NDPS Act against the petitioner.

Therefore, in view of the abovesaid circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is accepted. Petitioner-Manjit Kaur be admitted to bail on her furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

**[MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU]**  
**JUDGE**

May 21, 2018  
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| Whether reportable?       | yes/no |