

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

**CRM-M No. 2070 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.02.2024**

Harpal Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Saneep S. Majithia, Advocate, and
Mr. Munish Raj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., seeks grant of regular bail pending trial in case bearing FIR No.85, dated 17.08.2023, under Sections 22(c)/25/27-A/29/61/85 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Valtoha, District Tarn Taran, whereby the petitioner has been implicated on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Gurbhej Singh @ Bheja *qua* alleged recovery of 4000 intoxicant tablets.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 19.08.2023 and similarly situated co-accused persons, namely, Gautam Malhotra and Varun Kumar, have already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide orders dated 13.12.2023 & 20.12.2023 passed in CRM-M-61859-2023 & CRM-M-63283-2023

respectively; thus, prayer is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

[3] On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner, while referring to the huge recovery of intoxicant tablets involved.

[4] I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book. I find substance in the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

[5] In the present case, the petitioner is in custody for the last about six months and was implicated on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused, Gurbhej Singh @ Bheja; similarly situated co-accused persons, namely, Gautam Malhotra and Varun Kumar, have already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide orders dated 13.12.2023 & 20.12.2023 passed in CRM-M-61859-2023 & CRM-M-63283-2023 respectively besides there being no involvement in any other case and the trial is likely to take some time, this Court does not find justification to extend the incarceration of the petitioner any further.

[6] In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the present petition, the same is **allowed**. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds / surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

February 14, 2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>