

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

2025:PHHC:033766



(221)

CRM-M-4439-2025

Date of Decision: 10.03.2025

Gurpreet Singh @ Ghumma @ Gaurpreet Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Hasrat Brar, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.J (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of regular bail, filed under Section 482 BNSS, in case FIR No.45, dated 21.06.2024, under Section 21 of NDPS Act (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station, City Zira, District Ferozepur.

Short reply by way of affidavit of Gurdeep Singh, Dy.S.P., Zira, District Ferozepur, on behalf of respondent-State has been filed in Court today. Same is taken on record subject to just exceptions and a copy has been supplied to counsel opposite.

On the last date of hearing, after noticing the submissions of learned counsel for petitioner, State had been put to notice and it had been ordered that no coercive steps would be taken against the petitioner till the next date of hearing.

Learned State counsel has not disputed that the petitioner was not accompanying the co-accused from whom the alleged recovery of 60 grams of heroin was effected, however, it has been asserted by learned State

counsel that during the interrogation of co-accused Gurpreet Singh @ Karma, it came to the fore that the petitioner was the supplier of the recovered contraband, the petitioner was on bail in another case under the NDPS Act, which was registered on 16.03.2023 at P.S. Sadar Zira. It has also been submitted by the State counsel that in the said criminal case the petitioner was released on 06.05.2023 and within almost a year he is yet again involved in one more case under the NDPS Act which leaves no room for doubt that the petitioner is a habitual offender and he has misused the liberty which had been granted in the earlier case registered against him under the NDPS Act. It has also been submitted that the petitioner is booked in three other cases for various offences under the IPC including Sections 379, 387, 336, 427 read with Section 34 IPC and the Arms Act. State counsel has submitted that in view of the wide spread menace of drug trafficking in the State of Punjab, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would be warranted to unravel the possibility of his involvement in some drug cartel.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and examined the material on record.

In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances of the case, instant petition is dismissed. 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.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

10.03.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No