

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

2025:PHHC:059629



**CRM-M-4846-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 06.05.2025.**

Satnam Singh @ Khabbu ...Petitioner.
Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

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Argued by: Mr. Ashish Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Baljinder Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUKHVINDER KAUR, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.115 dated 14.06.2024, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Section 29 of NDPS Act, added later on), registered at Police Station City kotkapura, District Faridkot.

The relevant facts of the present case are that on 14.06.2024, 21 strips of Etizolam tablets 0.5mg each strip, containing 10 tablets, total 210 tablets were recovered by the police, from possession of co-accused namely Patrass Maseeh @ Nishu and Kamaljeet Singh @ Pargat Singh without any valid permit and licence. During interrogation they both disclosed that they had bought those tablets from the petitioner, on the basis whereof, the name of the petitioner cropped up in the present case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case as the recovery is

from co-accused and he has been nominated only on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused. He has also contended that mandatory provisions of NDPS Act have not complied with. He has urged that the petitioner is in custody since long and be granted the concession of regular bail.

Notice was issued in this case on 31.01.2025 and reply/status report was sought from the State, which has been filed.

As per the status report, the petitioner was nominated as an accused on the basis of statement of co-accused Kamaljit Singh @ Pargat and Patras Masih @ Nishu, who disclosed during the interrogation that they had bought the recovered intoxicant tablets from the petitioner. Besides the disclosure statement of the co-accused, no other material has been placed on record regarding the involvement of the petitioner in the present case. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner and the alleged recovery was effected only from the co-accused. Trial is already going on and out of 11 prosecution witnesses, no witness has been examined till date.

As per custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 05 months and 05 days. The trial of the case is likely to take time and further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be admitted on regular bail on furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned learned trial Judge/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate.

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

06.05.2025.

<i>Komal</i>	Whether speaking/reasoned?	:	Yes/ No
	Whether reportable?	:	Yes/ No