



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11476-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.03.2025

Sonu Kumar @ Monu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

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At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the main case is listed for hearing today itself, the instant application has been rendered infructuous and may be disposed of as such.

Dismissed as having been rendered infructuous.

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1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in case FIR No.68 dated 01.05.2021 under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'the NDPS Act') (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added lateron) registered at Police Station Kathgarh, District SBS Nagar. The petitioner in the alternative is seeking interim bail for three weeks to attend the marriage of his sister



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which is scheduled to be held on 22.03.2025.

2. In compliance of order dated 06.03.2025, status report by way of affidavit of Sham Sunder, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Balachaur, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, has been filed in the Court today which is taken on record subject to all just exceptions. A copy of the same has been supplied to the counsel opposite.

3. Learned State counsel, at the outset, has drawn the attention of this Court to paragraph 6 of the status report and submitted that the trial is nearing conclusion with the next date before the learned Trial Court being 28.03.2025 for defence evidence. However, it has not been disputed by the learned State counsel that the marriage of sister of the petitioner is indeed to be solemnized on 22.03.2025. Learned State counsel submits that keeping in view the stage of trial, the prayer of the petitioner for being extended the concession of regular bail or interim bail for a period of three weeks be not accepted.

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

5. In view of the stage of trial, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail or interim bail to the petitioner for a period of three weeks. However, the petitioner is allowed to attend the marriage of his sister on 22.03.2025 in police custody. The petitioner shall be taken under police custody to the venue of marriage i.e. Village Bharthala, Tehsil Balachaur, District SBS Nagar, on 22.03.2025 at 09:00 A.M. and would be escorted back to the jail where he is presently



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lodged on the same day by 05:00 P.M. All travel expenses incurred by the authorities concerned, shall be borne by the petitioner.

6. The instant petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

19.03.2025

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No