

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

**CRM-M-23077-2024**

Date of Decision: 27.02.2025

Satpal Singh @ Laddu

...Petitioner

## Versus

## State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL**

**Present:** Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

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**H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking regular bail in case FIR No.221 dated 01.11.2023 under Sections 22/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Sadar Fazilka, District Fazilka.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner was not apprehended at the spot and has been named by the co-accused Gagandeep Singh and Kulwant Singh, from whom the recovery of total 28500 tablets of Tramadol Hydrochloride was effected and during interrogation, petitioner was named by the co-accused along with one Vishvajeet Singh, which is not admissible under the law. However, no recovery was effected from the petitioner. He submits that co-accused Vishvajeet Singh has already been granted concession of regular bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 09.04.2024 passed in CRM-M-5671-2024 and the petitioner seeks parity with him.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel, opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground that petitioner is a habitual offender as he is also involved in one another case of similar nature although he is on bail in that case.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and after perusing the record of the case with their able assistance, it transpires that the petitioner was not apprehended at the spot and has been named on the basis of disclosure statement. The co-accused Vishvajeet Singh has already been granted the concession of regular bail. Further, charges are yet to be framed and the petitioner is behind the bars since 17.11.2023, the completion of trial will also take a long time, so no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars for such a long period. The culpability, if any, would be determined at the time of trial.

5. In view of the above, present petition is allowed. Thus, without commenting upon the merits of the case lest it may prejudice to the outcome of the trial, petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail during trial on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Illaqa Magistrate/trial Court concerned.

6. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and learned trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by the observations of this Court.

**27.02.2025**  
Parveen kumar

**(H.S. GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

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