



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

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**CRM-M No.27735 of 2025
Date of decision : 01.8.2025**

Jasvir Singh @ Jassi**.....Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL**

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate, for the petitioner
Mr. Baljinder Singh Sra, Addl. AG, Punjab

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.52 dated 27.7.2018, under Sections 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, (Sections 467, 468, 471, 473, 411, 120-B of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Anaj Mandi, Patiala, District Patiala.
2. The gravamen of the FIR in question is that the petitioner has been found to be in conscious possession of 1 liter and 200 ml. of intoxicant liquid containing salt codeine phosphate.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner was earlier extended the concession of regular bail but he could not appear since he has met with an accident. Learned counsel has iterated that non-appearance of the petitioner was not on account of any deliberate



intention but due to the circumstances beyond his control. Learned counsel has further argued that mandatory provision of NDPS Act has not been scrupulously complied with. Learned counsel has further argued that the trial is being delayed and the petitioner is suffering on account thereof.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the present petition by arguing that the allegations raised are serious in nature and thus the petitioner does not deserve the concession of the regular bail. Learned State counsel has also brought to the notice of this Court that out of 15 prosecution witnesses cited in the challan, 9 already stand examined and 5 have been given up. He has further brought to the notice of this Court that the trial proceedings next fixed is for 9.8.2025 wherein the remaining witness is likely to be examined.

5. Keeping in view the entirety of the factual matrix of the case in hand, especially the factum of the contraband allegedly recovered being commercial in nature, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. The bail petition is accordingly dismissed.

6. The trial Court is directed for expeditiously disposal of the trial, preferably within a period of 2 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

01.8.2025

Ashwani

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No