



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

CRM-M-36153-2024

Date of Decision: 26.03.2025

Varinder Singh alias Binda

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Robindeep Singh Bhullar, Advocate with
 Mr. Ankush Chauhan, Advocate and
 Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the third petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.151 dated 12.09.2023, registered under Section 15 (C) of NDPS Act, 1985 (added later on vide DDR No.18 dated 14.09.2023) at Police Station Nathana, District Bathinda.

2. In compliance of order dated 17.12.2024 passed by this Court, an affidavit has been filed by way of Director General of Police, Punjab and the same is taken on record.

3. Learned State counsel submits that as per the earlier status report, 1304 accused were to be arrested in the cases registered prior to 31.05.2024. A total 542 new accused were added during the period from 31.05.2024 to 31.08.2024. Thus, total 1846 accused were to be arrested by the police. However, after passing of the order by this Court, 875 accused have been taken



in custody by the police and 971 accused are yet to be arrested in cases, which were registered prior to 31.08.2024. It has also been mentioned that even instructions have been issued to all the field units/wing of Punjab Police to make sincere and earnest efforts to arrest all the accused persons, who are evading arrest, even after lapse of period of more than 6 months, after registration of the FIR. Learned State counsel further submits that the present petitioner has already been arrested in the present case and the petition has been rendered infructuous.

4. Dismissed as having been rendered infructuous.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

26.03.2025

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