

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

2025:PHHC:119802



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**CRM-M-34816-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:03.09.2025.**

Mindo Devi @ Mindo

...Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

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Present: Mr. Harshit Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.
(through video conferencing).

Mr. Navdeep 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.90 dated 07.03.2025 under Sections 22 and 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

As per prosecution, on 07.03.2025, police received an information that Mindo, Rekha, Whisky and Mohit Sharma, after forming a gang, were indulging in the business of sale of intoxicant tablets. On receiving the said information, the police party reached at the spot and spotted two women and two men on a walkway along the drain, rummaging in a polythene bag. On seeing the police party, the said persons got preplexed, however, all the aforesaid four accused were apprehended and from their joint possession, 100 strips of 'CALMPIK-0.5 (Alprazolam

Tablets IP 0.50 mg), each strip containing 10 tablets (i.e. 1000 tablets), were recovered and taken into police possession. Accordingly, the FIR in question was registered against the accused persons after completing all the formalities.

Learned counsel for petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The alleged recovery in the present case had already been effected and the petitioner is in custody since the date of her arrest. The conclusion of trial of the case will take considerable time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in further custody. Learned counsel, therefore, prays that the petitioner be granted concession of regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposed the present petition and submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of commercial quantity of intoxicant tablets and as such, she does not deserve any leniency from the Court.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have also gone through the case file.

The petitioner had been specifically named in the secret information. As per the allegations, the petitioner along with co-accused was found in possession of 100 strips of 'CALMPIK-0.5 (Alprazolam Tablets IP 0.50 mg), each strip containing 10 tablets (i.e. 1000 tablets) in total. As per the FSL report, Alprazolam ingredient was found present in the content of the representative sample and the average weight of each tablet is stated to be 125 mg. And total weight of 1000 tablets comes to 125 grams. Thus, the alleged recovery of contraband effected from the petitioner falls within the 'commercial quantity' which attracts the rigors of Section 37 of

the NDPS Act. At this stage, it cannot be said that the petitioner is not guilty of the alleged offence and she would not indulge in such offence in future.

Accordingly, without having any bearing or expression of opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is dismissed.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

03.09.2025.

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