

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

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**CRM-M-35476-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision:22.09.2025**

Nirmaljit Singh @ Nirmal Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Karanjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

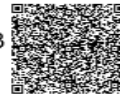
Mr. Durgesh Garg, AAG, Punjab.

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Manisha Batra, J. (Oral).

1. The present one is the second petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.275 dated 24.12.2023 registered under Sections 21 and 29 of NDPS Act, (Section 21-C of the NDPS Act was added later on), at Police Station Maqbookpura, District Amritsar. The previous petition as filed by the petitioner before this Court had been dismissed vide order dated 24.02.2025.

2. As per the allegations, on 24.12.2023, accused Sanamdeep Singh, Jagroop Singh and Harpreet Singh @ Harsh were apprehended on the basis of a secret information and recovery of 260 grams and 290 grams of heroin was effected from them respectively, whereas nothing was recovered from co-accused Sanamdeep Singh, who was riding in the same vehicle



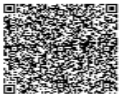
along with the aforesaid accused. The apprehended accused made disclosure statements admitting their involvement in drug peddling and also that the recovered heroin had been supplied to them by the petitioner. On the basis of the said statements, the petitioner was nominated as accused and was arrested on 17.08.2024.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that ever since the dismissal of his previous petition, a period of about seven months has elapsed; however, the trial has not concluded and is likely to take long time. It is submitted that no recovery was effected from the petitioner, who has been implicated only on the basis of a disclosure statement. Learned counsel further submits that co-accused Harpreet Singh @ Harsh, from whom recovery was actually effected, has already been extended benefit of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 16.09.2025. The case of the petitioner is at a better footing and therefore, it is urged that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail.

4. Status report filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Learned State counsel submits that the bail petition of the petitioner has already been dismissed by passing a detailed order and no new or substantial ground has been made out in his favour. It is, therefore, urged that the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

5. I have heard rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

6. The petitioner is alleged to have supplied contraband to co-accused Harpreet Singh and Jagroop Singh. Co-accused Harpreet Singh @



Harsh has already been extended benefit of regular bail. The petitioner’s case is at better footing as no recovery has been effected from him and he is on basis of disclosure statement of co-accused. The petitioner has been in custody since 17.08.2024. The trial is likely to take considerable time. The veracity of the allegations can be assessed only upon conclusion of the trial. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and circumstances and on parity, but without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

7. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

22.09.2025
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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