

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025.PHHC.101580



(212)

CRM-M-36321-2025
Decided on : 07.08.2025

Deepa

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Sourabh Kaushik &
Mr. Damanjeet Singh Batalvi, Advocates for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Sumeet Goel (Oral):

1. Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.0055 dated 12.05.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on) at Police Station Sadar Banga, District SBS Nagar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.
2. On 11.07.2025, the following order was passed:

“Apprehending her arrest in FIR No.0055 dated 12.05.2025 registered for offences punishable under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 (Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on) at Police Station Sadar Banga, District SBS Nagar; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter-alia contends that the petitioner is sought to be implicated into the FIR in question solely on the basis of a disclosure statement made by co-accused from whom the contraband in question (30 tablets of salt Alprazolam IP 0.5 mg) has been allegedly recovered & the petitioner is willing to join

investigation and cooperate therein. In order to buttress his arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the dicta of the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 'Vijay Singh versus The State of Haryana' bearing Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).1266/2023', 'State by (NCB) Bengaluru vs. Pallulabid Ahmad Arimutta & Anr' 2022(1) RCR (Criminal) 762, 'Tofan Singh vs. State of Tamil Nadu, AIR 2020 Supreme Court 5592 and 'Smt. Najmunisha, Abdul Hamid Chandmiya @ Ladoo Bapu vs. State of Gujrat, Narcotics Control Bureau' 2024 INSC 290.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Adjourned to 07.08.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 17.07.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. She shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023."

3. Learned State counsel (on instructions from ASI Sukhpal Singh) has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation and she is not required for further custodial interrogation.

4. Keeping in view the factual milieu of the case in hand, especially the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and she being arrayed as an accused on the basis of disclosure statement, this Court is inclined to confirm the order dated 11.07.2025, in light of the dicta of the judgment passed by this Court in **CRM-M-54032-2024 'Ashu Vs. State of Punjab'**.

5. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the order dated 11.07.2025 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is hereby made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.
6. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
7. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS or upon showing any other sufficient cause.
8. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

August 07, 2025
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No