



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

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CRM-M-41972-2025

Date of Decision : 08.08.2025

RAVINDER SINGH @ MANTRI

.... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... RESPONDENT

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present : Mr.V.K.Kaushal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satvir Singh Mander, AAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.41 dated 08.04.2025, under Sections 21-B, 27-A of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'NDPS Act') (offence under Section 29 of NDPS Act added later on) registered at Police Station Sultanwind, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He has not been named in the present FIR. He has been nominated as an accused only on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Manjit Singh but nothing has been recovered from him. The petitioner is in custody since 15.04.2025. The prolonged incarceration without trial violates the petitioner's fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The petitioner undertakes



to abide by all the conditions imposed by this Court and assures that he will not tamper with evidence, influence witnesses, or abscond during trial.

3. Learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner and submits that in case, the petitioner is granted the concession of regular bail, he will misuse the same. He further submits that the petitioner is involved in 04 other cases. Learned counsel has filed custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record.

4. Heard.

5. Keeping in view the fact that the present petitioner is in custody for over 03 months 22 days; investigation has already been completed; trial will take time to conclude; no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period and bail is rule, jail is exception, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

6. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed subject to the condition that if the petitioner is involved in any other criminal activities and FIR is registered against him involving under the NDPS Act, the relief given by this Court deems to be withdrawn and the prosecution is at liberty to move an application before the trial Court for cancellation of bail. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

08.08. 2025

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(SUBHAS MEHLA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No