



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 46685 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.07.2025

Manjinder Singh alias Mani
versus
State of Punjab

.....Petitioner
.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present : Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate and
Mr. Laghuinder Singh Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Vipin Pal Yadav, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

The petitioner apprehends his arrest in respect of offence punishable under Sections 21-C, 27-A and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Pshychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Sections 25, 27 and 30 of the Arms Act, 1959 and 212, 216 and 109 of the Indian Penal Code, in FIR No. 61 dated 14.07.2021 registered at Police Station Khalra, District Tarn Taran.

2. On the asking of the Court, a status report has been filed by the State of Punjab inter-alia revealing that the petitioner has large number of cases registered, one of which is a murder trial and in another case 170 gram of heroine has been recovered from the petitioner.

3. The petitioner has suffered custody period from 15.07.2021 to 04.03.2024 in FIR No. 57 dated 15.07.2021 under Sections 21(c) and 29 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Harike, District Tarn Taran.

4. It is not disputed at the Bar that in the present case the trial has begun and 14 out of 17 enlisted prosecution witnesses have already been examined and trial is now fixed for recording of evidence of remaining prosecution witnesses for 17.07.2025.



5. This Court was initially of the view that looking to the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, the petitioner be denied bail extended to him by way of an interim order. However, looking to the fact that he has been participating in the trial proceedings, this Court refrains from doing so. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner remains absent on any date of hearing during trial proceedings without reasonable cause, the trial Court shall be free to issue arrest warrants against him notwithstanding this order provided this Court is kept informed.
6. Keeping in view the above, this Court extends benefit of anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to his furnishing personal bonds for a sum of Rs. 2,00,000/- with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of trial Court. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023.
7. This order shall also remain subject to the following condition:-

i) During this monsoon season, the petitioner shall plant 100 saplings of indigenous plants at a public place and submit proof in that regard by way of photographs before the concerned trial Court where the trial is going on within a period of 30 days and if there is no such intimation submitted or intimation is found to be incorrect, then the State can move an application for cancellation of this bail order before this Court.
8. The petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

07.07.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned	√Yes/No
Whether reportable	√Yes/No