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(233) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision : 27.11.2025

SALEEM ALI @ BITTU

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Jashan Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab

MANISHA BATRA, J.

1. The petitioner is seeking concession of regular bail in case FIR No.117 dated 06.05.2025 registered under Section 18 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar, Mohali on the allegations that on 06.05.2025 he alongwith co-accused Hardeep Singh @ Deepa was apprehended on the basis of a secret information and 2.5 Kgs of opium was recovered from their conscious possession which was taken into custody. The petitioner and co-accused were formally arrested. Investigation now stands concluded and the petitioner alongwith the co-accused is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offences.

2. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery has been planted upon him. The mandatory provisions of Section 50 of NDPS Act have not been complied by the Police officials at the time of conducting

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investigation proceedings. The trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude. He has clean antecedents. His further incarceration would serve no fruitful purpose. The co-accused has been extended benefit of bail. It is therefore, argued that he deserves to be released on bail.

3. Status report has been filed. It is argued by learned State Counsel that there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner. Bar of Section 37 of NDPS Act is attracted in this case as the commercial quantity of contraband had been recovered from him and the co-accused. The trial has commenced and there is nothing on record to show that there would be any undue delay in conclusion of the same. It is therefore argued that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

4. This Court has heard learned counsel for both the parties and has perused the material placed on record.

5. The petitioner alongwith the co-accused has alleged to be found in possession of commercial quantity of opium. The trial has commenced. The rigours of Section 37 of NDPS Act are certainly attracted in this case. There are specific and serious allegations against the petitioner. Since the trial has recently commenced, as such it cannot be stated that there would be any undue delay in conclusion of the same. Taking into consideration the above discussed facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner does not deserve to be extended benefit of bail at this stage. Accordingly, this Court finds no reason to allow the petition. The same is accordingly dismissed.



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6. It is however, clarified that the observations made above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion of this Court on the merits of the case.

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

27.11.2025
Amit Sharma

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