



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

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CRM-M-47828-2025
Date of decision : 03.09.2025

Manjit Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Saurav Kanojia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J.(ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as “BNSS”), seeking regular bail in FIR No. 0143, dated 20.07.2024, for offence punishable under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur, during the pendency of trial.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than one year and the alleged contraband has not been recovered from the conscious possession of the present petitioner. He also submitted that the trial is not proceeding further, as the witnesses are not appearing before the Court concerned and witnesses appeared only in pursuance of bailable and non-bailable warrants issued by the trial Court.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel appearing on advance notice, filed the custody certificate of the petitioner in Court today, which is taken on record. He submitted that in the present matter, out of 10 witnesses, 04 have been examined and 03 were given up and only 03 witnesses remain to be examined and next date fixed before the trial Court is 12.09.2025, i.e. after one week. He also



submitted that the antecedents of the present petitioner are not clear and clean as she is also involved in six other cases under NDPS Act and out of which, she has been convicted in two cases

4. Heard.

5. Keeping in view the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of three months from next date of hearing fixed in the matter.

03.09.2025

Anjal

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No