



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-49413-2025

Date of Decision : 28.10.2025

SUKHMANDER SINGH ALIAS MANDER

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gautam Thapar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed by petitioner, an accused in case bearing FIR No.133 dated 22.07.2025, registered against him at Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, u/s 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.
2. Status Report dated 27.10.2025 by way of affidavit of Mr. Anwar Ali, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State, which is taken on record. In para 8 thereof, the nature of contraband and it's weight have been mentioned. As per learned State counsel, the contraband falls within the intermediate quantity. In para 9, it has been specified that petitioner has clean past antecedents, he is not involved in any other criminal case. Further, it has been verified that no recovery has been effected at the instance of the petitioner.
3. On 04.09.2025, following order was passed.

"Petitioner-accused, in case FIR No.133 dated 22.07.2025 under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered against him at Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, Punjab, has filed the present petition for grant of pre-arrest bail.



Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated, that too on the basis of disclosure statement of one Arshpreet Singh @ Billa, who was apprehended red handed at the spot by the police party, keeping in his illegal possession 24 white colored loose intoxicant tablets. Learned counsel submits that said disclosure statement, in the absence of any incriminating material, is not admissible in evidence. Learned counsel submits further that petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of State of Punjab and submits that FSL report is awaited and thus nature of contraband cannot be ascertained. He seeks time to file detailed status report.

Adjourned to 28.10.2025.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).”

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 04.09.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.
5. The petition stands allowed.
6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

28.10.2025
Nisha Yadav