



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

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CRM-M-57179-2025

Date of decision: 27th November, 2025

Navpreet Kaur @ Anu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Raghav Soni, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 155 dated 13.08.2025 registered under Sections 21-B, 27-A and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 (for short '*NDPS Act*') at Police Station Chheharta, Amritsar.

2. As per the allegations, on 13.08.2025, a police party was performing patrolling duty in the area of village Chheharta, Amritsar, when the petitioner was found coming on foot. She was carrying a polythene bag. On noticing the police party, she was perplexed and tried to flee after throwing the polythene bag carried by her. On suspicion, she was apprehended. On conducting search, 50 grams of heroin along with drug



money of Rs. 10,000/- was found to be in her conscious possession which was taken into custody. The petitioner was formally arrested. On her interrogation, the co-accused Malkit Singh was nominated as such. Investigation qua her stands completed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that she has been falsely implicated in this case and a false recovery has been planted upon her. The money allegedly recovered from her was not drug money but the same was salary of her father. In fact, her brother is a drug addict. He was tried to be apprehended by the police officials and when due to his critical physical condition, he could not be arrested and the petitioner was falsely involved in this case. She is in custody since 13.08.2025. Her further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. She is on bail in another case as registered against her. The rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act are not attracted against her in this case. It is, thus urged that she deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed. It is argued by learned State counsel that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations as levelled against her and her criminal antecedents, she does not deserve to be released on bail. Therefore, it is stressed that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length.

6. The petitioner is alleged to be found in conscious possession of non-commercial quantity of contraband. She is in custody since 13.08.2025. Her involvement in another case cannot be considered to be a reason for denying benefit of bail to her. The rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act are not



attracted qua her. Taking into consideration the above discussed facts but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition deserves to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

27th November, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*
2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*
: *Yes / No*