



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

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CRM-M-62773-2024

Date of decision: 26.08.2025

Sukhwinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Nitin Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Harjinder Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in case FIR No.264 dated 15.08.2020 under Section 21-C of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'the NDPS Act') and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.

2. Learned State counsel, at the outset, submits that the trial is nearing conclusion with only 01 witness remaining to be completely examined. It has, therefore, been submitted that the instant petition be dismissed moreso when the recoveries in the present case i.e. 270 grams of heroin, 04 live cartridges and a pistol, were made from the petitioner after he chanced upon the police party and attempted to flee. Learned State counsel submits that the bag in which the petitioner was



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transporting the contraband as well as the arms and ammunition fell from his conscious possession on the road.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 15.08.2020 and although only 01 prosecution witness remains to be examined, there could still be a possibility of the trial not concluding in the near future. A prayer has, therefore, been made for extending the concession of bail to the petitioner.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

5. No ground is made to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner in view of the stage of trial which is nearing conclusion. The instant petition stands dismissed accordingly.

6. It is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

7. However, the learned Trial Court is directed to make earnest efforts to conclude the trial positively within next two months.

26.08.2025

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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