



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

CRM-M-63130-2024

Date of decision : 22.04.2025

Harpal Singh @ Pali

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Ms. Manjot Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Arora, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.70 dated 07.06.2021 under Sections 22 and 25 of NDPS Act, 1985 (later on added Section 29 of NDPS Act, 1985) Police Station Tapa Mandi, District Barnala.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is behind bars since 04.07.2024.
3. However, learned State counsel, at the outset, has submitted that the co-accused in the present FIR already stands convicted and as the petitioner could not be arrested hence, the trial *qua* him is pending. He has submitted that he is behind bars since 04.07.2024. He, on instructions, has submitted that out of total 05 prosecution witnesses only 01 witness has been examined and thus, no case is made out for grant of bail to the petitioner.
4. In view of the attending facts and circumstances, this Court refrain from going into the merits of the case, however, the present petition stands disposed of with request to the learned trial Court to expedite the trial, in accordance with law.

**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

22.04.2025

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