



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

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**CRM-M-63591-2025
Date of decision: 18.11.2025**

MANPREET SINGH ALIAS SONUPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Ms. Harpreet Maini, Advocate and
Mr. Rudresh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Savi Nagpal, Asst. A.G. Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant third petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 78 dated 29.07.2021, registered under Section(s) 22 of the N.D.P.S. Act, 1985 at Police Station Smalsar, District Moga.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner had been arrested in the aforesaid case pursuant to an alleged recovery of 200 tablets of Etizolam 0.5 mg. It is contended that the petitioner was eventually granted regular bail vide order dated 28.08.2023 passed in CRM-M- 41137-2023. On account of his work, the petitioner had

to go to Madhya Pradesh and thereafter, could not come back. He absented from the proceedings before the trial Court from 09.12.2024 till he surrendered on 14.08.2025 and is in custody since then. It is thus argued that taking into consideration that the petitioner had already been granted concession of regular bail and he voluntarily surrendered after his absence from the proceedings and that has also undergone a further custody of three months thereafter, the concession of bail be granted.

Learned State Counsel, however, on instructions from concerned Investigating Officer informs that the trial is about to conclude as six witnesses have been already examined while 05 witnesses have been given up. Hence, no more prosecution witnesses are to be examined.

In view of the above and taking into consideration that the prosecution evidence has already come to an end, the present petition is dismissed at this stage. The trial Court is requested to take appropriate steps for expeditious conclusion of the pending trial.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Vishal Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No